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Golan defence line completed; Work being speeded in Sinai

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THE DEFENCE Forces have completed the construction of the line of fortifications on the Golan Heights. A major effort is now being made to strengthen the Sinai line before the next round of negotiations with Egypt.

Military sources report that the work on the Golan went according to plan, as far as pace and quality are concerned. They expressed confidence that the Sinai line, on which preliminary work began some time ago, will also be completed in time.

A massive effort was made to complete the IL200m. Golan line before the onset of the winter. Apart from maximum use of the Engineering Corps, much of the work was carried out by private contractors.

UN observers accompanied by Israel liaison officers yesterday carried out the weekly count-down of guns and tanks in the 10-kilometre arms limitation zone. They also visited Israel strongholds and counted the soldiers manning them.

The commander of the UN peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, Lt.-Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, returned to Jerusalem yesterday from Damascus through the UN checkpost near Camp Bolivar on the Golan Heights.

He drove straight to Jerusalem where he met with the army liaison officer to the UN Aluf-Mishne Shimon Lewinson. No details on the meeting were made available.

While stopping at the Golan checkpost, Gen. Siilasvuo told reporters he had gone to Damascus to solve "technical problems."

UN personnel said in Damascus that Gen. Siilasvuo had transmitted the Israel point of view concerning UN patrols on Mt. Hermon and Syrians violations of the disengagement agreement. Gen. Siilasvuo also discussed the future structure of Undof after the Peruvian infantry battalion returns home in the spring.

Complaint on Sams

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

ISRAEL HAS complained to the UN over Egyptian earthworks on the east bank of the Suez Canal which may be preparation for bases for surface-to-air missiles. The disengagement agreement with Egypt bans the deployment of Sams on the east bank.

The excavations, which have been sighted at a number of places, are of a type which could serve for either Sam bases of command bunkers. The subject has been submitted to the UN for investigation, the IDF spokesman reported.

The oldest member of the Israel Defence Forces, Aluf-Mishne David Laskov, 72, who has twice received the Defence Prize, explains a piece of equipment to Defence Minister Shimon Peres during a tour of Engineering Corps bases yesterday. The tour included demonstrations of exercises in which soldiers entered buildings, cleared minefields, overcame water obstacles and fortified positions. Seen here between Aluf-Mishne Laskov and Mr. Peres is the Chief Engineering Officer, Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Ben-Dov. At right is Aluf (res.) Mordechai Hod, Assistant to the Defence Minister.

Histadrut chief confers at Treasury

Jerusalem Post Staff

HISTADRUT Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel conferred at the Treasury in Jerusalem last night with the Ministers with economic portfolios. No announcement of the meeting was made and there was no statement on its conclusion, but it is understood that the principal topic was the proposed freeze of wage contracts for a further year.

The manufacturers have announced they will not agree to pay an extra cost of living allowance unless the Histadrut agrees to automatic extension of existing wage contracts. The labour federation replies that it will do so only if there is an overall package deal — freezing prices, price profits and taxes, in addition to wages.

The Government is not prepared to promise no further rise in prices.

The tripartite meeting of Government, manufacturers and Histadrut, due to thrash out an agreement, is still not formally scheduled, although it may well be held tomorrow, if there was progress in yesterday's meeting.

In Tel Aviv yesterday Histadrut trade union chief Uriel Abrahamowitz reiterated organized labour's readiness for a package deal during 1975 involving wages, taxes, prices and profits. Otherwise, he said, the Histadrut will only decide in March on a full year's extension of labour contracts. Much will depend on the job situation.

The Histadrut professional unions said they would extend their wage contracts until the end of 1975 on condition there was reform to distribute taxes more equitably.

No move by Katzir on unity Cabinet

President Ephraim Katzir has no intention of taking any action whatsoever in connection with a national unity government, the President's bureau stated yesterday.

The announcement was in response to representations from some quarters to the President on the subject. Speaking over Israel Radio last night Alignment Knesset Member Zvi Gershuni discussed possible action by the President to set up a unity government.

Economic squeeze will limit military growth, says Rabin

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

THE COUNTRY'S economic situation is approaching a state in which we will have to restrict the growth in our military strength, Premier Yitzhak Rabin declared yesterday.

However, he told his audience at the Jerusalem Economic Club, the country's military might — in both absolute and relative terms — is greater now than it was on the eve of the Yom Kippur War. In addition, the Defence Forces and the Government have both drawn the necessary conclusions from that war, and Israel would well be able to win another one — "which might be inevitable under certain conditions."

A military strengthening programme is impossible without a political understanding with those who supply the arms, Rabin continued. "But this does not mean that things are dictated to us." Yet, he said, he would not be surprised if "some friction" with the U.S. arises in the near future, regarding solutions of the Middle East problems on a realistic basis.

Facing "seven lean years" ahead, the Government's policy will be to seek partial solutions — a "second best choice" but the only realistic one under the circumstances (see below).

If partial solutions are not achieved, argued the Premier, the opportunity for an overall agreement will still remain, though Israel could not agree to an alternative in which the Soviets and Arabs would press for such an agreement to be discussed at one time with all of the Arab states and the Russians. The latter course would lead to a political stalemate, he added.

Rabin's "seven lean years" forecast applied with even greater force to the economic situation. He sounded as though the Government had made up its mind to continue taking daring action — along the lines of the austerity programme launched last month — in confrontation with the Histadrut.

"It will not be easy to contend with the Histadrut," he said, "regarding the year-long wage freeze — but this is unavoidable" if the Government's economic policy is to succeed. Moreover, the struggle will not end with that — it will continue with the needed reform in the tax and wage policies, productivity and investments.

"The world situation has hit hard at Jews in the developed countries as well," Rabin continued, "and we cannot expect financial help from them to continue to increase." This means that Israelis will have to learn to live within their means, at a lower standard of living.

"What happened in the Bank of Israel (where wage increases have just now been awarded) hurts me more than the troubles with the Israel Corporation or the Israel-British Bank," Rabin said. "What kind of profits does the Israel Aircraft Industries distribute to its workers — and are these not the public funds paid on defence contracts? Are these employees the under-privileged ones?" The economic front is a large one, with many sectors — and it will take time for the Government to deal with all the "cracks" which may appear in it. "Why should Bank of Israel employees not work for the same wages or those of the treasury?"

Mr. Rabin dismissed the Histadrut officials' claims that signs of unemployment have begun to appear. When fortifications were being built in the Golan Heights, no workers from the cities wanted to go there — despite accusations that contractors were getting rich quickly in this work — and the Government had to employ local labourers from minority groups at wages of IL200 to IL300 per day, he said.

It is inconceivable that there are complaints of nuemployment, while in Sinai there is a shortage of manpower for all kinds of maintenance work.

Answering questions from the audience, the Premier said:

- Discussion of a national unity government would be possible only if the Likud declares it is willing to accept the present Cabinet's policy guidelines. The thesis of national unity was invented after the Likud failed to topple the Government in both parliamentary and non-parliamentary ways, including the "settlers' picnics" in Samaria, he charged. The Government will certainly not court the Likud.
- The decision to build an industrial centre in Ma'ale Adumim had been long under discussions, and was taken as a solution for establishing industry outside the capital, rather than in it. (Mayor Teddy Kollek, patron of the Economic Club, commented here that he hoped the Government decision would not remain a "theoretical one," since heavy investments are needed for infra-structure work, despite the tight economic situation.)
- The next economic problems to be tackled by the Government will concern the great burden placed on it by linking the money it borrows via bonds; and encouraging more industrial investment and less speculation or investment in banking.
- Though the present Cabinet was composed from lists elected when Golda Meir headed the Labour list, Rabin will not call for a new elections until the current term ends — unless new circumstances necessitate it. At present, a new election would be the worst thing for the country from every point of view.

PM: Trim our sails for next seven years

Jerusalem Post Staff

PREMIER Yitzhak Rabin believes that Israel faces "seven lean years" because of the international political situation and Western dependence on Arab oil. The central aim of its policy must be to gain time, to weather the seven lean years and emerge at the end of them unscathed.

In a remarkably forthright interview with Yoel Marcus of "Ha'aretz," Mr. Rabin explained that, within seven years, Britain and Scandinavia would be self-sufficient in their oil resources and the U.S. would have reduced its dependence on imports from the Middle East.

In the coming six weeks, meanwhile, Israel would have to decide what price it could pay in order to gain time through a second-stage settlement with Egypt. Such a settlement might be military in its formal framework, but could contain important political content in the form of quiet Egyptian undertakings given to the U.S.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon is due to start talks in Washington next Monday with Secretary Kissinger on a second-stage settlement with Egypt.

The Premier did not insist — as he did when the second-stage settlement was first mooted earlier this year — on a formal and declaratory renunciation of belligerency by Egypt. Interviewer Marcus understood that he did not consider this a realistic prospect.

Mr. Rabin explained that Egypt was seeking a specifically "military" rather than "political" accord in order to circumvent the Rabat summit ban on separate progress towards peace with Israel.

It was a cardinal Israel interest to prevent Egypt moving back into the Soviet camp, Rabin said. The date of the Sadat-Brezhnev meeting in Cairo, in mid-January, was intended by Egypt to hint at a time limit, after which it would actively reconsider its adherence to the U.S.-Israel-Jordan concept of stage-by-stage progress, with a view to returning to the Soviet-Syrian fold. Soviet-Syrian strategy in the area was to thwart any progress toward peace. It had failed earlier this year when the two disengagement accords were concluded. More recently, however, it had won a victory with the Rabat summit's hardline resolutions and the PLO's international successes.

Israel's vital interest in maintaining the Egypt-U.S. — and Egypt-Israel — dialogue was to avert thereby a coordinated Syrian-Egyptian war threat. War with Syria during 1975 was a "realistic possibility," the Premier said.

"The question is, how will Syria launch a new war? With Egypt as its partner in planning, execution, and martial enthusiasm, or with Egypt being dragged in, unwilling and perhaps not fully prepared? If Syria begins the war alone, without concommitant Egyptian martial enthusiasm, this would leave us — at least in the crucial early days — with only one front to face..."

In the upcoming negotiations with Egypt, Israel would demand:

- retention of control of the strategic Mitla and Gidi passes (from which interviewer Marcus deduced that Israel would offer territorial concessions to the north and south of the passes, but not in the central sector, where they are situated).
- that Egyptian troops do not move into the areas that Israel vacates.
- that no actual movement take place until the UN peacekeeping force mandates have been renewed once more — and this time for longer than the current six-month period.

Mr. Rabin said he did not rule out military negotiations and a

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Dr. K has 'private understanding' with Kremlin on Jewish exodus

By WOLF I. BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday appealed to senators to take into consideration the extreme sensitivity of the Soviet Union in publicly discussing the tripartite agreement tration, the Soviet Government and reached between the U.S. Adminis- Senate backers of the Jackson Amendment concerning Jewish Emigration from Russia.

He nevertheless disclosed that he had reached a private understanding with Soviet officials — including Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin — indicating that the rate of emigration would substantially increase. But he would not state a specific figure.

In testimony before the Senate Finance Committee, Kissinger appealed to the senators to approve the pending Trade Reform Act, including the modified Jackson Amendment attached to the bill on Monday.

That amendment now provides President Ford with discretion to grant the Soviet Union most favoured nation trade status, trade credits and other important concessions, in exchange for a liberalization in emigration policies.

After months of intensive negotiations between Dr. Kissinger and Senators Jackson, Abraham Ribicoff and Jacob Javits, the two sides agreed to exchange two letters explaining their understandings. Jackson later said that once trade benefits were applied to the Soviet Union, Jewish emigration during the first year would rise to more than 60,000. During the record emigration year of 1973, some 33,000 Jews were allowed to leave Russia, but this year there has been a 40 per cent decrease.

Kissinger said yesterday: "I cannot give you any assurance concerning the precise emigration rate that may result, assuming the trade bill is passed and MFN (most favoured nation status) is extended to the USSR... However I do believe that we have every right to expect that the emigration rate will correspond to the number of applications. If some of the current estimates about potential applications are correct, this should lead to an increase in emigration."

During questioning, Kissinger warned that any "attempt to nail down this document (the two letters) as a legal obligation will likely backfire." He appealed to the senators to take on "good faith" his understanding of future Soviet behaviour.

Ribicoff, one of the principal backers of the Jackson amendment and a member of the Finance Committee, agreed with the Secretary that Congress would have to accept on good faith assurances from him and President Ford. But he noted that, if the Russians do not live up to their part of the agreement, Congress, under the modified amendment, could block a renewal of the trade benefits after the initial 18-month period.

Secretary Kissinger said that, unless the bill is approved by December 20 — which is still in doubt because of strong Congressional opposition to improving trade relations with the Soviet Union on general principles — it was likely that Moscow would not implement any of the compromise package regarding Jewish emigration.

American Jewish organizations are concerned that the entire bill will not pass during this session of Congress, thus jeopardizing the fate of Soviet Jewry. If the bill is not approved, the next session of Congress, which convenes in January, will have to take up the bill afresh, and the whole process could take many more months.

Senate backers of the bill now want it to reach the Senate floor for a vote by next Monday. If the Senate approves it then, the House of Representatives must still be consulted to work out a jointly approved bill.

Kissinger was optimistic that between Jackson's contacts in the Soviet Union and the apparatus of the State Department, the U.S. would be able to determine adequately whether the Soviet leaders were living up to their assurances. But Kissinger said he would not appoint a special official in the department to serve as a watchdog.

"I believe it is essential to let the provisions and understandings of the compromise proceed in practice," Kissinger said. "I am confident that additional public commentary or continued claims that this or that protagonist has won can only jeopardize the results we all seek."

He warned that if the U.S. pushes the Russians too far, the "ultimate victims" will be the emigration applicants, "those whom all of us are trying to help."

He said there is a "good possibility" that if the Soviet Union does not get the trade benefits, Jewish emigration might end altogether.

Asked by Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) whether Israel will be able to receive these potential Jewish emigrants, Kissinger replied: "The Israel Government has expressed the view that it can deal with any forseeable number of emigrants..."

Dole then asked the Secretary whether this additional emigration to Israel will eventually require further U.S. financial assistance. Kissinger said he did not think so, but conceded that "it may show up in other accounts."

West Berlin clamps down on Soviet Jews

WEST BERLIN (Reuter). — The West Berlin City Government (Senate) yesterday took steps to reduce the influx of Jewish immigrants arriving from the Soviet Union via Israel, a Senate spokesman said.

He said anyone wishing to come to West Berlin from today must have a valid entry visa or be expelled after six months.

The Senate also decided to allow the 530 Soviet Jews who have come here during the last 18 months to settle in West Berlin.

Under West German law, they could have been expelled after six months because they had travelled here without visas. But through a "very generous interpretation" of West Germany's expulsion regulations, some 200 of them had had their claim of German ancestry accepted and would be granted West German citizenship, the spokesman said.

The remaining 330 refugees would be given special "foreigners' passes," giving them the right to stay, but excluding them from naturalisation, he said.

Kuwait says Iraq wants its islands

KUWEIT (AFP). — The chairman of the local parliament's foreign affairs committee has accused Iraq of trying to wrest control of two Kuwaiti islands.

Abdul Aziz al-Musayad said Iraq was attempting to take over the islands of Warba and Babiana. He also confirmed earlier reports that Iraqi troops had advanced two kilometres into Kuwait and constructed a military road in the occupied area.

"Al-Musayad likened the situation between the two countries to a time bomb.

Egypt, too, can make atom bombs, says Shazly

LONDON (UPI). — The Egyptian Ambassador here said yesterday that Egypt has the capability and the right to build nuclear weapons to counter the threat of Israel's announced atomic weapon-making ability.

In an Independent Television News (ITN) interview, Ambassador Sa'ad el-Shazly said he believed another war with Israel is inevitable.

Shazly said Egypt had always felt Israel might use atomic weapons in certain circumstances and was not alarmed by President Katzir's remark on Monday that Israel had nuclear potential.

"I think we have these capabilities but, you see, it's different to have the capabilities and convert them," said Shazly, commander of the Egyptian armed forces in the Yom Kippur War.

"We never thought of converting these capabilities," he added, "but now I think we have the right to convert these capabilities to form nuclear weapons because, you see, it's very dangerous to see your neighbour having nuclear weapons and you don't have it, because that means you are at his own stake."

Shazly said Egypt had to believe that Israel had the atomic weapons at hand because of what he alleged was the announcement from Israel's Head of State that it could convert its nuclear capabilities to weapon-making in a few days. (In fact, Prof. Katzir refused to say when the nuclear potential could be realized.)

"I don't think the capabilities could be converted in a few days unless they have the atomic weapons at hand," Shazly said, adding that Israel probably chose this time to reveal its nuclear capability in an effort to "bully" Egypt in peace talks.

Asked if he thought there would be another Middle East war, Shazly said, "we hope this will never happen. But I think there will be another war because there is a minimum which we can accept, and if they couldn't concede this minimum, then war is inevitable."

Israel solidarity congress proposed

NEW YORK (JTA). — Israel's former Foreign Minister Abba Eban proposed yesterday that the Israel Government and major Jewish organizations around the world organise a "congress of solidarity with Israel" during the early part of 1975 which, among other things, "could also develop ideas and projects for strengthening Israel in face of the forces which threaten its security and honour."

A-G files complaint against Zim's auditors

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

THE ATTORNEY-General, Meir Shamgar, has lodged a complaint with the Public Accountants Council against Zim's accountants, the firm of Kesselman and Kesselman.

The complaint, based on the Kirschner inquiry committee report into Zim's deposits with Rosenbaum's Vaduz-based companies, alleges improper reporting of these sums by the accountants. The Council is the statutory body, composed of Government representatives and members of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants, which is authorized to implement the Accountants' Law. It is chaired, currently, by Zvi Terlo, Director-General of the Justice Ministry.

If Kesselman and Kesselman are found to have violated professional ethics, the Council may warn them, rebuke them, suspend or even revoke their licence. The Council is expected to meet tomorrow and appoint an investigating committee to look into the allegations.

The president of the Institute of Accountants, Nahum Freidkes, yesterday said the Institute has decided to deal with the question of proper reporting, but lacks the legal power to do much about it — hence its conclusions are usually based on those of the Council. The Institute hopes to obtain legal status, similar to that of the Chamber of Advocates, which would enable it to act on unethical conduct. Meanwhile, its committee on ethics is studying the law, with a view to propose changes, if necessary, giving it more powers.

The committee of inquiry appointed by the Israel Corporation to investigate the Rosenbaum affair has completed its report. But the two members — George Shapiro and Gerald Silbert — both Americans, have taken the material back with them to New York for typing and stencilling.

Copies will be available early next week — and will be immediately released to the press. "The document will not be secret," a spokesman of the company stated yesterday.

'Dangerous' mental patients at large

Jerusalem Post Knesset Correspondent

TEN MENTAL patients who escaped from mental hospitals during the past 12 months are dangerous to the public, in one degree or another, and are still at large, Health Minister Victor Shemtov told the Knesset yesterday in reply to a question from Yosef Tamir (Likud).

Shemtov said that 40 of the 110 patients who had escaped were still at large, including the dangerous 10.

It was difficult to prevent escapes entirely, the Minister said.

PLO seeking ties with EEC states

BELGRADE (Reuter). — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) would like to have closer contacts with the European Common Market and Scandinavian countries, and has already contacted France — a leader of the terrorist group said here last night.

In a conversation, following a press conference, Farouk Kaddoumi said that some Western European and Scandinavian countries had "attitudes different from those of the US towards the Palestinian cause."

"We would like contacts with these countries," said Kaddoumi, who is chief diplomatic adviser to the PLO's leader Yasser Arafat and a key figure in the current PLO diplomatic offensive.

He confirmed the PLO has made steps "through a friendly Arab Government" leading to a meeting with representatives of the French Government.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Stockholm yesterday that a PLO representative, Feisal Abu Gamal, arrived to seek talks with Government officials on possibilities of opening a PLO office in the Swedish capital. It was not immediately know whether the Government would be agreeable to such talks.

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Idi Amin ired at clerics who put girls first

KAMPALA (Reuter). — President Idi Amin threatened yesterday to dismiss all 300 members of Uganda's Moslem Supreme Council and accused some of them of preferring girl friends and expensive cars to religion.

He said he would replace the council with Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox Christians.

"Moslems in Uganda should not blame me at all because the present Moslem officials have failed to fulfil their obligation," he declared.

President Amin said he was annoyed at the way the Council members were organizing this year's annual pilgrimage to Mecca. He charged that aircraft supposed to take 160 pilgrims each to the Moslem holy places were in fact taking less.

He alleged that members of the council's executive were "interested only in acquiring riches such as luxurious cars, building houses for girl friends and earning fat salaries instead of carrying out the services of God."

President Amin said on October 18 that he was unhappy about the way the council — created two years ago — was being run and criticized its plans to build a 35m. shilling (almost IL30m.) Mosque. Five days later, the council dismissed three of its senior officials and suspended some headquarters staff.

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Nahariya	56	9—22	10—19
Safad	37	10—07	6—13
Haifa Port	60	14—23	12—19
Tiberias	45	12—25	12—20
Nazareth	—	— —	— —
Afula	37	8—24	8—20
Shomron	36	12—19	9—15
Tel Aviv	50	12—20	12—19
Lod Airport	43	10—22	10—19
Jericho	36	11—35	12—23
Gaza	54	12—22	12—19
Beersheba	55	9—20	9—19
Eilat	39	13—24	13—24
Tiran Straits	45	7—24	13—24

Social and Personal

Rumanian Ambassador Ion Covaci yesterday called on Information Minister Aharon Yariv.

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The Jerusalem Rotary Club is to meet at the YMCA at 1 p.m. today when Itzhak Harkavi, director of Jerusalem office the World Jewish Congress, will speak (in Hebrew, with summary in English) on "The History of Jewish Settlement in Brazil."

Allon: Israel ready to restore ties with Soviet Union

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon yesterday held out a figurative olive-branch to the Soviet Union.

Allon said at question-time in the Knesset that "Israel's door was open" to any Soviet initiative to restore diplomatic relations which Russia severed in 1967.

He said Israel was ready, for its part, to restore ties without delay and had so informed Moscow.

Allon said that Israel had always contended that despite differences of opinion with the Soviet Union, it was possible to prevent misunderstandings. It was perhaps even possible to arrive at some degree of mutual understanding by means of a continuous and direct dialogue which is possible solely between countries maintaining diplomatic relations.

Commenting that the Soviet Union had always declared its adherence to the idea of peaceful coexistence, even between countries whose views differed, he said that peaceful coexistence did not harmonize with an absence of diplomatic relations.

It was the Soviet Union and not Israel which decided to sever relations in June 1967, and without justification, he said.

Soviet Russia and the other Eastern Bloc countries had taken no steps to clarify the possibility of restoring ties, Allon said.

There were no reliable indications, he said, that Chinese leaders were now taking a more positive view towards Israel. The Foreign Ministry was acting in every possible way to set up direct or indirect contact with People's China, he said.

The Minister confirmed a statement by Washington Ambassador Simha Dinitz that Egypt had committed itself to allowing Israeli goods through the Suez Canal as soon as it opened, and Israeli ships through, when a permanent arrangement was attained. The Government had acted on the principle that freedom of navigation through the Canal could not be solved under the separation of forces agreement.

Mr. Allon said that Israel had reiterated its intention, not to be the first state to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East. Israel favoured the idea of keeping nuclear weapons out of the Middle East, but disapproved of the procedures suggested at the UN to make the region nuclear-free. These procedures had been inspired by the Arab states' boycott and isolation of Israel, he charged.

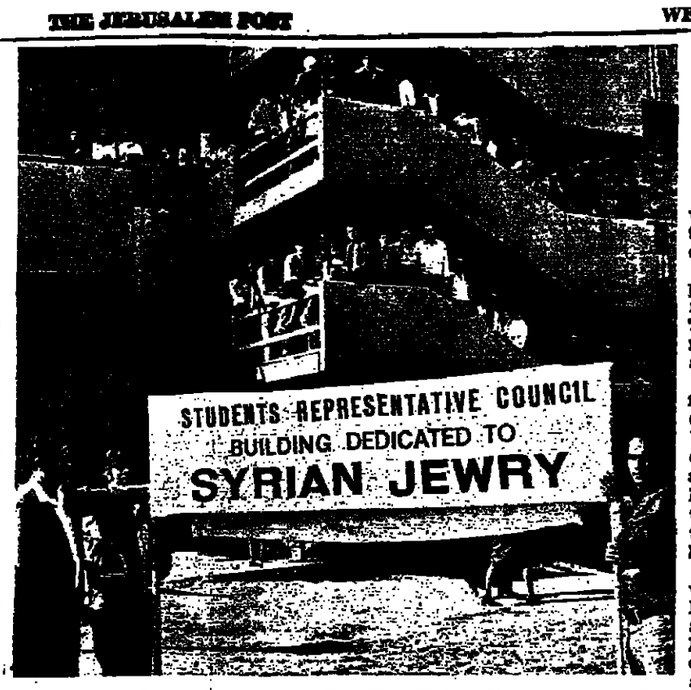
He said that in the last few days he had received a repeated assurance from U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, that the U.S. was still opposed to the establishment of a Palestinian state between Israel and Jordan. "We have reason to be satisfied with that reassurance," the Minister said.

Allon revealed that the Arab League office in London included a Palestine Liberation Organization representative who was at present in Britain on a Jordanian diplomatic passport.

He was replying to questions from Avraham Werdiger (Aguda), Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment), Yehuda Sha'ari (ILP), Tawfik Toubi (New Communists), and Akiva Nof (Likud).

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday held a political discussion with the participation of Foreign Minister Allon.

Mr. Allon presented and evaluation of the implications for the Middle East of the U.S.-Soviet summit conference at Vladivostok. He also spoke to the committee about his forthcoming visit to the U.S.



The Student Council building of Bar Ilan University was renamed in honour of Syrian Jewry for one day yesterday. Professor Michael Eilbak, the acting rector (left) unfurled a banner marking the gesture shortly before he addressed an assembly of solidarity with the Syrian Jews. (Freidin)

Rise seen for property tax

Local property taxes (arnona) will go up if a proposal made by the Interior Ministry yesterday becomes law.

The Ministry wants to link property taxes to the expenditures of municipalities and local councils. The measure is designed to give financial relief to hard-pressed local authorities.

The proposed law also provides for a monthly two per cent interest on arrears, after the third month. Until now late-payers were charged one-half per cent, and that only after six months — if at all. Some large-scale owners have been known to delay arnona payments, while the outstanding money earned much higher interest.

A "Municipal Expense Index" would be computed by the Central Bureau of Statistics and published annually at the end of December. It would take account of such municipal expenses as salaries, equipment and fuel. An index rise of five per cent and more will automatically result in an upward adjustment of taxes, without requiring a special decision by the local authority.

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Servicing your car on time saves petrol

TEL AVIV. — The simplest way to economize on petrol is to service your car on time according to the maker's specifications, a technical engineer of the German automobile accessory manufacturer Bosch told the press yesterday.

Horst Hellstern, a guest of Bosch's representatives, Ledico Ltd., is here to speak to technicians and automobile electric repair men on proper maintenance.

Mr. Hellstern said tests on cars in Germany and America showed that 30 to 40 per cent of them were not properly tuned. Wrong timing adjustment caused unburned petrol to go out the exhaust. People try to drive an extra 5,000 to 10,000 kilometres before servicing their cars, believing they are saving money, he said, but actually they are losing it. On the other hand, they are sometimes willing to pay several hundred pounds for some gadget that is supposed to save on petrol or spark plugs," Hellstern said.

He offered these proven tips for saving petrol: Drive moderately; do not be the first to take off when the traffic light changes. Obey the speed limit — speeding at 90 kph or more increases fuel consumption.

Security risks to be banned from elections

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Persons convicted of security offences would be prohibited by law from standing as candidates in Knesset elections, under four private members' bills which were voted to Committee on the preliminary reading yesterday.

All four bills, which were approved by majorities of between 63 and 65 votes, with only the four New Communists voting against, were the New Communist Tawfik Toubi as "designed to ensure that Rami Livne did not stand for the Knesset."

(Livne is serving a prison sentence for contact with an Arab terrorist agent and would thus be disqualified if the private bills eventually became law).

The bills were tabled by Labour MKs Mathilda Ghez, Shoshana Arbeli, Moshe Shahal and Mordechai Ben-Porat, and Likud MK Zalman Shoval.

(At present persons convicted of "crimes involving moral turpitude" may not stand for election — but the category does not explicitly cover security offences.)

Bridge for IDF — why isn't it allowed?

A Likud Knesset Member is making a plea to the Defence Minister to allow bridge to be played in the IDF. (It is prohibited, and classified as a game of chance under Army regulations.)

Yedidia Be'eri yesterday tabled a parliamentary question to Shimon Peres, asking what conclusions the IDF had drawn from the experience of Dr. Louis Kovalsky, the Michmoret physician taken prisoner by the Syrians in the Yom Kippur War, who managed to preserve the sanity and the morale of the Israelsoldiers voluntarily?

PoWs by means of bridge.

Be'eri asked whether the IDF challenged the fact that bridge sharpened the mind and constitutes an intelligent and cultured way of passing time and relieving tension. If the IDF classifies bridge as a game of chance, why does it allow backgammon, he asked.

Was the Minister aware of the fact that the IDF had refused the offer of the Israel Bridge Federation and of *Jerusalem Post* Bridge Correspondent George Levinrew to teach brodge to

Minority villages to be protected, Hillel says

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said yesterday that the Fatah terror attack on the Circassian village of Rehaniya in Upper Galilee had failed to provoke any discord between the Circassians and the Jews.

Replying to four urgent motions for the agenda in the Knesset, which were voted to Committee, Hillel said everything possible would be done by the security authorities to help the Circassian and the other minority villages near the borders defend themselves.

Hillel said the terrorists could not possibly provoke any more surprise by their blind and brutal murders. Before and after 1967 alike, they had always caused more non-Jewish than Jewish victims in their senseless slaughter. He praised the courage and loyalty of the Circassian community.

The Likud's Avraham Katz said in his motion that even before 1948 the Circassians had repulsed the enticement of the Arab marauder gangs, and linked their fate to that of the State-to-be. He revealed a belief, prevalent in some Circassian quarters, that they stemmed from the Lost Ten Tribes, carried into captivity in the area of the Caspian Sea.

The NRP's Pinhas Sheiman said the Circassians had never shrunk from shedding their own blood in the defence of the State. Sheinman charged that after terrorists laid explosive charges under houses in the nearby Christian Arab village of Gush Halav (Jish) three years ago, the authorities turned down the villagers' request for security measures and lighting, on the grounds that they "wouldn't be targets."

The CRM's Boaz Moav said that the Circassian and Druze villages were absolutely unprotected. He demanded that the Government give the villagers the feeling that they enjoy exactly the same security measures as any Jewish village in the same situation.

The Druse and the Circassians must get the same material aid in housing, land and water as Jewish villagers, Moav said.

Druze Sheikh Taber Muadi (Alignment-affiliated) said that the Druse and the Circassian villages should be given air raid shelters. Army veterans should be given permits to carry weapons, and schoolteachers should be allowed to take guns to school.

Sheikh Muadi said the Defence Ministry should recognize the bereaved family of Suhi Mussa in the same category as the bereaved family of an IDF veteran.

Kol defends ecumenical tours

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol has discounted charges by Aguda and NRP Members that the ecumenical tours for American Jews and Christians arranged by the American Jewish Committee could accelerate assimilation.

Replying at question-time to Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda) and Pinhas Sheinmann (NRP), the Minister praised the great assistance rendered to Israel's cause by Catholics and Protestants in the U.S., in collaboration with the American Jewish Committee.

Where are all the telephone tokens?

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Telephone tokens are unavailable at the city's post offices, with "we haven't any" the standard reply of clerks to would-be purchasers.

It is believed that the impending increase in price (currently 40 agorot) is responsible for the shortage. Reservists who are leaving for outlying areas and want tokens in order to call their families are also believed partly to blame.

TV, Radio workers draft ideas for cutting costs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The professional works committees at the Broadcasting Authority yesterday drafted a four-point proposal which they believe, if accepted, will save the Authority millions of pounds annually.

A member of the TV journalists' committee, David Hershfeld, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the four professional Radio and TV works committees have drafted the following proposals which they intend submitting to the Authority management:

- The cessation of all outside productions, henceforth to be undertaken by the Authority itself;
- The cessation of all outside services employed for internal productions;
- An end to the employment of outside workers on a full-time basis and the transfer of their functions to Authority employees;
- The amalgamation of the Army Radio (Galei Zahal) and Educational TV with the Broadcasting Authority, thereby doing away with an unnecessary duplication of manpower and facilities.

Mr. Hershfeld said all the above measures are technically feasible and if implemetned will save millions of pounds annually.

Meanwhile, it was learned yesterday that the Broadcasting Authority is currently rushing into completion a costly protest that will link the Knesset building with TV House in Romema by a special microwave relay.

This will enable direct transmissions of Knesset debates on the three half-days a week that the Knesset sits — when the debates are considered important enough for a spot on the Mabat newsreel.

IC inquiry said not objective

Avraham Melamed, MK of the National Religious Party, suggested yesterday that two inquiries into the Israel Corp. affair had not been objective.

Mr. Melamed pointed to press reports which said that Eli Kirschner, who headed the inquiry into Zim's deposits abroad, served as the legal adviser to the General Bank, owned by Baron Rothschild (chairman of the Board of the Israel Corp.).

Mr. Melamed also asked whether Henry Shapiro — head of another inquiry body into the Israel Corp. — was acting on behalf of Baron Rothschild.

It would be contrary to natural justice to appoint a man who was possibly no t objective about all the personalities at the Israel Corp.

The questions were directed at Y. Salman, director of the Government Companies Authority. Mr. Salman said he would reply to them next week.

Rabin 'displeased' Yariv signed unity gov't petition

The Prime Minister has expressed his displeasure to Information Minister Aharon Yariv over Mr. Yariv's having signed a petition in favour of a unity government.

Mr. Yariv's aides denied reports that Mr. Rabin had "rebuked" their minister, but confirmed that the Premier had commented adversely on Mr. Yariv's action.

Mr. Yariv signed the petition on Sunday. He struck up a conversation with a group of demonstrators, among them several university professors, outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, inquiring if they were affiliated to any particular political party. When they said that they were not, Mr. Yariv volunteered to sign their petition.

Mr. Yariv told the nation on television last week that he personally favoured a national unity government. The Prime Minister and other Labour ministers subsequently made it clear that this was Yariv's personal opinion from which they dissociated themselves.

Beduin 'streaker' held for shooting

MUGHAR. — A half-naked Beduin man created a stir in this Lower Galilee village yesterday when he took up position behind some stones at the entrance to the village and started firing shots in all directions from his Kalachnikov assault rifle. Luckily, no one was hurt.

Police were alerted and rushed to the village. They found the man — reportedly wearing only a shirt — and arrested him. The investigation revealed that he had been involved in a quarrel with one of his neighbours in the mixed Druse-Christian-Moslem-Beduin village.

Meanwhile, Galilee police arrested two Beduin men from the village of Tuba near Rosh Pina who had tried to make their way to Mughar to help out their fellow tribesman in his private vendetta. Many of Mughar's Beduin families, who live on the outskirts of the village, originally came from Tuba a few years ago.

Police informed Tuba's *mukhtar* (village headman) that they were holding hi mresponsible for order in the area, and that they would react immediately if any other Tuba residents tried to cause trouble in Mughar.

'Jerusalem, Bethlehem linked economically'

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday Jerusalem and Bethlehem were linked economically by jobs, tourism and transport.

Mr. Peres was replying to a parliamentary question by Haviv Shimoni (Labour).

By virtue of these links, said Mr. Peres, the fate of Bethlehem was bound with that of Jerusalem.

The question referred to a statement Mr. Peres was quoted as making to West Bank notables to the effect that Bethlehem was part of Jerusalem.

HABAD HASSIDIM at Kfar Habad last night celebrated the 167th anniversary of the release of their founder, Rabbi Shneour Zalman of Ladi, from a Russian prison.

Boy 7, woman 40 killed on roads

A seven-year-old boy was killed by a bus in Gaza yesterday, while a 40-year-old woman in Haifa was killed by a train.

Mohammed Zeiar, of the Sejiya quarter of Gaza, was knocked down by the local bus as he crossed the road. The driver was held for investigation.

Yael Carmel was hit by a passenger train en route from Tel Aviv to Haifa near the Bat Galim crossing at the southern entrance to the city. The victim was on the track although the automatic gate barring pedestrians and vehicles was working. *(Itim)*

OAS mission due today

An official Organization of American States (OAS) mission — the second within two months — is due in Israel today. The mission, headed by Dr. Rodolfo Martinez, OAS Executive Secretary for Education, Science and Culture, is expected to reach an agreement here on scientific and educational projects of mutual interest such as courses in computer centre management, food technology and special education.

In October Dr. Joao Goncalves de Souza, OAS Assistant Secretary for Technical Cooperation, and representatives of the OAS Economic Secretariat met with Foreign Ministry officials and concluded an agreement on projects for 1975/76, including a third Latin American course for comprehensive regional planning. It will be held in Israel and Ecuador. The agreement also called for continued agricultural operation with Chile, Haiti and Peru.

Columbian Minister holds talks in Israel

The Columbian Labour and Welfare Minister, Maria Jimenez de Crovo, who arrived in Israel on Monday is holding talks with officials of the Labour Ministry and the Foreign Ministry on cooperation between the two countries.

The talks are expected to result in an agreement to be signed today. Mrs. Jiminez de Crovo is spending a week in Israel as guest of the Labour Ministry.

'Exceptions to rule' said main cause of Beit Millman affair

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recurrent practice of "making exceptions to the rule" in the Jewish Agency Immigration Department was the main cause of the "Beit Millman affair," according to its deputy Director-General, Yosef Vered, whose Israeli-born family lived in an absorption centre for four months.

Testifying in his own behalf at an Agency disciplinary board hearing in Jerusalem yesterday, Vered said he saw "nothing unseemly" in sending his own daughter, son-in-law and grandchild to the Beit Millman Absorption Centre in Ramat Aviv last March. While admitting that he regretted his behaviour, and that he "wouldn't do it again," Vered said his family's case was only one of many exceptions made in the department.

The accused continued that he knew of at least 20 other cases much more serious than his family's, in which Mr. Narkiss allowed non-immigrants to live in absorption facilities. Several involved Agency representatives who rented their own flats and lived in immigrant hostels shortly before leaving for assignments abroad. In another case, said Vered, a female Agency employee residing in Jerusalem lived in a Tel Aviv hostel for a while because she had Agency business there.

Vered's daughter, Arella Golan, and her family stayed at Beit Millman from May through August while waiting for completion of their new four-room flat in Ramat Hasharon. They enjoyed all the facilities meant for immigrants in return for IL220 monthly rent.

According to a report by the Agency Comptroller, who investigated the case several months ago, Vered told Yirmiyahu Eshed, director of the absorption services unit, to house his family at Beit Millman. Two weeks ago, the disciplinary. Two found Eshed guilty of misconduct, and gave him the minimum possible punishment — a warning. The main reason for the lenient sentence, said presiding judge Reuven Shari, was Eshed's misunderstanding about whether Narkiss had known about the Golan case.

Testifying at the beginning of the six-hour session yesterday, Eshed reiterated his statement that Vered told him Narkiss had authorized the family to move into Beit Millman.

However, Vered told the court in the afternoon that he "never told Eshed" that Narkiss knew of the incident. Eshed was not present during this testimony. The three-man board will have to decide who is telling the truth by the time they hand down their verdict on December 16.

Israel Radio reported yesterday that in January, an aide to Narkiss refused to send a non-immigrant family to a Lydda absorption centre because such exceptions would "hurt the good name of the Jewish Agency." Yehiel Persil said that the family of Hamra Ezra should not be an exception to the rule, which Narkiss had broken due to "humanitarian considerations" for the family. Mr. Ezra, a native Israeli, and his wife, whose temporary residence privileges had expired when Mr. Narkiss attempted to give them a home, did not move into the absorption centre in the end.

The next seven years

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military pact, with Egypt giving separate and quiet political assurances to the U.S. Egypt had kept all the quiet undertakings that it gave the U.S. last January, when the first disengagement was concluded.

These had not included an undertaking to re-open the Suez Canal in advance of a second-stage settlement, Mr. Rabin said.

Israel officials have given as examples of "political undertakings" to be demanded of Egypt: an end to the economic boycott, access for Israel ships and cargoes through the Suez Canal, and a diminution in political and propaganda warfare.

Mr. Rabin conceded that the negotiations with Egypt could lead to strains in the U.S.Israel relationship. "We will have to talk on tiptoe through the next year," he said. "If we get through 1975 (successfully) and reach 1976 — we shall have gained not one year but two."

President Ford was vitally concerned to succeed in his economic policies over the coming two years — and this meant avoiding a crisis with the Arab oil producers. The Europeans, more anxious because more dependent, were pressing on the U.S. to avoid another clash with the Arabs.

Moreover, it did no good to exaggerate the political power of American Jewry. The Premier expressed his anger at "calls" by Israel politicians "upon American Jewry to do this or that." Israelis had still not realized the effect of the new U.S. laws on political financing upon Jewish political influence there.

The Jews were only three per cent of the U.S. population, and while there was no need to underestimate their political leverage, there was equally no cause to rashly or wrongly overestimate it, Rabin cautioned.

On the whole, though, the Premier was cautiously optimistic that Israel would continue to receive arms from the U.S. — although it might have to struggle to obtain them — and that the U.S. would itself help pay for them.

Marcus wrote that he had found the Premier incomparably more confident than when he had last interviewed him, immediately after he took office six months ago. Rabin, formerly a chain-smoker, had not lit a single cigarette during their 90-minute conversation.

The Premier seemed particularly confident now of his government's ability to govern, and of the army's strength and resolve. He did not feel the need to have the Likud in his government, he told Marcus, either now or even in time of actual war.

Monaco loses but enters quarter-finals

TEL AVIV. — The French team of A. S. Monaco qualified for the quarter-finals of the Korac Cup basketball here yesterday despite a defeat by Ramat Gan Hapoel. It lost 112-110 with a halftime score of 69-55.

The French hoopsters qualified because they won last week in Monaco by a 20 pint margin over the Israelis.

Most car owners get subsidy

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Nearly half the passenger cars driven by Israelis who live n towns are subsidized — in whole or in part — by employers, according to a study conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The study indicated that in the first half of 1973, out of 211,000 cars driven by residents in towns with a population of 10,000 or more, 45 per cent had expenses covered — at least in part — by an employer or a family business.

Some 15 per cent of the cars were registered in the name of an employer or family business, while 27 per cent received partial reimbursement, based on kilometrage and the annual registration and insurance fees. Forty per cent of the latter received a fixed amount, regardless of the number of kilometres driven.

Seamen, Gov't disagree on income tax deductions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Seamen's Union yesterday asked State Revenue Commissioner Moshe Neudorfer for an urgent meeting to discuss their disagreement over income tax deductions from the seamen's foreign exchange earnings.

The seamen want their earnings computed by retaining the traditional rate at which one pound sterling is regarded as equal to one Israel pound. However, the Government wants to introduce a post-devaluation rate of exchange.

The union spokesman announced yesterday that it had the support of Moshe Levy of the Histadrut Executive, who holds the maritime workers portfolio. The Histadrut has also asked the union to refrain from sanctions which might hamper settlement of the dispute.

Zim general manager Yehuda Rotem denied in a telegram to the union that the shipping companies had frozen wage payments. He said that "with regard to tax reductions, we are obliged by law to calculate the foreign exchange portion according to the official rate of exchange." He explained further that the seamen are being paid their wages on an interim basis until a decision is handed down by the authorities.

The shipping companies are ready to cooperate with the union in presenting their case before tax authorities.

54 TRAINEES from 24 countries in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, most of which broke diplomatic relations with Israel under Arab pressure, yesterday completed the latest course of the Histadrut Afro-Asian Institute of Cooperative and Labour Studies.

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T.A. school lunches will cost more

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The city executive has decided not to cut services for the time being but to demand realistic pay for them in view of the financial crunch currently squeezing all of Israel's municipalities.

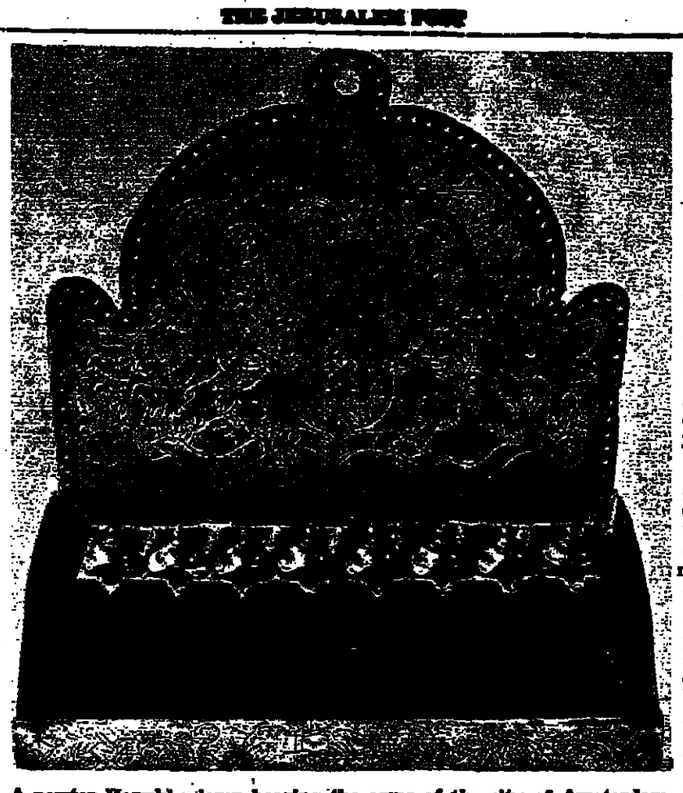
The rise in fees will apply chiefly to services which the city is not obliged to give its residents by law. Thus the first service to be affected will be the hot lunch programme provided in some elementary schools. The programme mainly is intended to provide children from poor families with a midday meal, but the city says many children who come from anything but disadvantaged homes also benefit from the programme because they happen to attend schools where it exists.

Minimal fees were charged for the lunch programme according to the parents' ability to pay, with the maximum monthly payment being IL25. Now the ceiling has been raised to IL50. The minimum fee will remain IL2 a month. The city says the maximum fee rise is a must because of higher food, water and electricity costs.

The Ministry of Education had proposed that fees be increased to IL36 even before the recent devaluation and accompanying austerity measures. The fee increase is still subject to city council approval.

Next in line for a rise in maximum fees will be the city kindergartens for three-and four-year-olds.

The city executive also decided on the introduction of a new fee to help make ends meet — a sewage system maintenance and development fee. It will have to be approved by the Ministry of the Interior.



A pewter Hanukka lamp bearing the arms of the city of Amsterdam is on special exhibit this month at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The bench-type lamp, with covers for each of the eight wicks, has 1674 inscribed on the back. It was the bequest of Rudolf Walter Herz of London.

German ambassador ends tour here

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Jesco von Puttkamer, Germany's ambassador to Israel since 1971 who yesterday ended his tour of service, says he leaves "happy and proud" that relations have developed well between the two countries over the past three years. On the political and economic plains, he told *The Jerusalem Post*, there are "no real difficulties." He left the country yesterday.

His involvement in cultural ties got off to a bad start with the furor in 1971 over German Culture Week, which he says was plainly misconceived. Since then, however, cultural efforts have been more carefully planned, and the ambassador proudly recalls the the tremendous success of the Hamburg State Opera which appeared in this year's Israel Festival.

Mr. von Puttkamer's tour of duty covered the "normalization" period — a term, he says, which many Israelis still cannot bring themselves to accept.

After such episodes as the Munich massacre or Beate Klarsfeld's adventures "the past becomes the present again," the ambassador says with feeling. But in the general course of the two countries' contacts, he feel's that ex-Chancellor Brandt's efforts to achieve a balanced German policy towards Arabs and Israelis have largely succeeded without overly rankling Israel's sensibilities.

He confirms the rumoured reports — still officially unconfirmed by either country — that Germany extended some useful help to Israel during the Yom Kippur war, but says that to this day he himself does not know what was involved.

Mr. von Puttkamer, a trim 55, is to take up an appointment as ambassador to Belgrade — an important post in view of Yugoslavia's unique role within the Communist bloc. He hopes for an interesting tour there — not that his years in Israel were not interesting and rewarding. He made many friends here, and although he and his wife did not pick up much Hebrew, his daughter Annette, 17, learned to speak it fluently. Annette is staying on until the summer, to complete her school-year at the American school in Kfar Shmaryahu.

At present, says the ambassador, European unity still seems far off, and there is little immediate prospect, given France's known positions, of even a common Community position on the Middle East conflict. But he does not agree with those Israeli leaders, including Premier Rabin, who maintain that the best role for Europe to play is the non-role of leaving diplomatic efforts to the U.S. Europe, he says, because of its strong links with both sides to the conflict, could usefully support Dr. Kissinger's efforts — if it could back him with a solid consensus of its own.

The ambassador says he certainly observed a change in peoples' moods since the Yom Kippur war. "The will and energy are unbroken. But there is a more fatalistic mood."

His own recipe for a peace solution? Guarantees by the powers plus bargaining between the parties over boundaries. "But so long as the Palestinians demand a 'Greater Palestine' in place of Israel, there is no hope of peace," he adds thoughtfully.

A former journalist and editor of the Social Democratic Party's "Voerwarts" daily, Mr. von Puttkamer had high praise for *The Jerusalem Post* and for the other leading Israeli newspapers which, he says, could compete on equal footing with the best of Europe's press. Sometimes, however, the Israeli press tends to be a little insular and parochial, he points out.

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Jaffa Gate taxi stand to be demolished

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Arab taxi stand near the Old City's Jaffa Gate will be dismantled today following the Jerusalem District Court's decision yesterday against the stand's owners.

The court rejected an appeal by the owners of the stand, which was built illegally six years ago, to have the case brought before the Supreme Court.

A municipality spokesman said he regretted that the stand would have to be torn down, but noted that the owners could have found a different site before the court proceedings began.

Call to settle central Golan

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MEROM HAGOLAN. — Future settlement projects in the Golan should concentrate on the so far unsettled central part of the Heights, Mr. A. Nahmani, director of the Jewish Agency's Galilee District, said here yesterday.

Speaking at a study day held in Kibbutz Merom Hagolan in memory of kibbutz member Mich Pichman, who died in the Yom Kippur War, Mr. Nahmani said that most of the potential agricultural land in the northern and southern parts of the Heights were already settled. He also noted that the central area was the crucial one during the Yom Kippur War, and the absence of settlements there represented a break in the chain of Golan settlements.

Some 200 members of settlements in the Heights attended the study day and heard lectures on various agricultural topics.

Schools to have six trips a year

Every school child can except to go on six school excursions next year, with one of them lasting a few days, for the intermediate and upper grades.

This was one of the standards set down by the Education Ministry in its new guidelines for school and Gadna trips. The guidelines, which came largely as a result of the Ma'alot tragedy, give complete instructions for security precautions.

The safety measures include the appointment of one teacher or another adult who is to be responsible for the group. Where necessary, someone with army training will be in charge of security. The vehicles carrying the pupils are forbidden to pick up anyone unknown to them.

Each pupil participating must have written permission from his mother or father.

Capital's businessmen rap ban on shop window lights

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's businessmen and the Municipality are against the ban on illumination of shop windows at night.

The ban — aimed at conserving electricity — was recommended by the Electric Corporation. It became effective on Sunday night, when Haim Bar-Lev, as Development Minister, signed an order requiring shopowners to switch off their showcase light when they close shop. If they remain open beyond nine p.m., they still must put the lights off no later than then.

Amos Freiman, chairman of the Jerusalem Merchants Association, said a darkened city poses a real security problem besides encouraging burglaries. Like the Municipality, he has appealed against the order, citing the "gloom and depression" the dim-out causes among the population.

In a letter to the Development Ministry, Mr. Freiman suggested that shopowners be permitted to leave on at least one 50-watt lamp, as a security measure. So far he has received no reply.

At Sunday's meeting of the Jerusalem City Council, Mayor Teddy Kollek said illumination of the Old City walls and other historic sites will go on, despite the higher electric rates. Those rates are expected to raise the bill for this lighting from the present IL45,000 annually, to IL80,000.

Israel plays Rumania today

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel plays an international soccer match against Rumania at the Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa at 5.30 this evening with one change from the team which drew 1:1 against Ipswich last week.

National team coach David Schweitzer brings in Moshe Romano to strengthen the striking power of the attack. He retains Yeshayahu Feigenbaum, but is likely to pull him back into midfield. He drops Israel Hajjaj in the defence, replacing him with Meir Nimni, who was also in the lineup against the English First Division side. There was still a doubt about the fitness of Yitzhak Shum.

This will be Israel's first international match this season.

The Israel team will be: Visoker, Nimni, Rosen, Ear, Bello, Shum, Feigenbaum, Leventhal, Damti, Romano, Massuari.

The Rumanian team arrived last night with 16 players and several officials. Coach Valentin Stanescu said the game against Israel was "an important test match" for his team, which is preparing to play 14 international matches in 1975, including European championship games against Scotland, Spain and Denmark and Olympic games qualifying encounters.

The team today will be: Redukano, Cheran, Samas, Angelini, Dino, captain, Sando Krishan, Beldano, Kuhn, Balac and Lucescu.

Trains cancelled as rail workers meet in protest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A protest meeting yesterday morning by the traffic department staff of the railways led to the cancellation of two pairs of trains between Haifa and Tel Aviv and one pair between Haifa and Nahariya.

The employees, who are backed by the Labour Council, were protesting the failure to implement a signed agreement on promotion. There are 52 out of 300 department employees eligible for promotion, according to the committee representing the staff.

Management of the railways agrees with the employers, but has been overruled by the Civil Service Commission, which has the final decision on working conditions.

Labour Council secretary Eliezer Molk met with the committee and persuaded them to await the outcome of a meeting next week with the deputy director general of the Transport Ministry and officials of the Commission. If decisions at that meeting are unsatisfactory, the council will appeal to the ministerial committee on wages.

CITRUS FRUITS, the first of the season from Gaza and the West Bank, were trucked across the Jordan bridges this week. From Jordan, much of the fruit will be marketed in neighbouring Arab countries, where it fetches good prices at this time of year.

Cuts in Hapoel 10th Anniversary celebrations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will curtail the tenth anniversary celebrations of its Hapoel sports organisation, it has been announced here. However, it will hold the Hapoel sports week, to be attended by dozens of foreign sports delegations taking part in country-wide events, in the spring. But the event will be cut in size, and the opening pageant will be transferred from the Ramat Gan municipal stadium to the much smaller Bloomfield Hapoel Stadium in Jaffa. The closing rally slated for Haifa will be cancelled, as will the anniversary rally planned for the Jerusalem Theatre.

Other cuts include dropping publication of the expensive Hapoel anniversary album, and reductions in the number of sporting events and foreign athletic delegations to be invited from abroad.

Publicity will be reduced, as will the tours of foreign guests, and local sportsmen will not be accommodated in hotels.

B-G University appoints new humanities dean

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEER-SHEBA. — The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has appointed Professor Walter Ackerman as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.

The Boston-born professor studied at Harvard and was formerly associated with the educational network of the Conservative Movement in the U.S.

J'lem merchants demand cuts in advance tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Capital retailers have sent a telegram to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, demanding a 50 per cent cut in their advance income tax bills for December.

The merchants claim their income has dropped by 30 to 50 per cent as a result of devaluation. They also note that the pre-payments on their estimated income taxes have already been raised twice this year — by 30 per cent in April and by another 20 per cent in October.

According to Merchants Association secretary Avraham Birnbaum, some retailers have already forwarded more in advance payments than their total estimated tax for the year. He said restaurants, cafes and electric and photo shops are witnessing a 50 per cent drop in turnover, while sales in the grocery and clothing sectors have fallen off by 60 per cent.

More tourists here in November

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tourism took a surprising leap forward last month, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. It said there were 38,800 arrivals, compared with 23,800 in November 1973. Last month's figure was also four per cent higher than that of November 1972.

However, cumulative statistics for the first 11 months of this year show a total of 580,000 incoming tourists — a drop of seven per cent from the total in the same period last year, and 15 per cent below that of the January-through-November period of 1972.

Potash, not phosphates

The report yesterday on the Dead Sea Works should have referred to the *potash* company, and not, as inadvertantly reported, phosphates.

Katzir visits North, tells of belt-tightening

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — When asked yesterday by the pupils of four high schools how the President's office was tightening its belt, President Ephraim Katzir answered that its budget had been cut, old cars were not being replaced, the staff had been reduced and banquests had been cancelled with only fruit juice offered at affairs.

He also said that no flowers were being purchased "although the President loves flowers," and that he would be grateful to guests who brought flowers.

The President and his party, guests of Hatzor, and this town, visited the cemetery and laid wreaths on the graves of the pupils murdered at Ma'alot. He also spoke to the 17-year-old Nahman girl twins, who have recovered from their wound and who said they wanted to become teachers.

The Katzirs were welcomed here by Mayor Aharon Nahmias and Town Council members. In calling for a large population in Galilee in general and in Safad in particular, the President said the town should combine biblical wisdom and secular science with "Yeshiva students and science students dwelling together."

Earlier at Hatzor, President and Mrs. Katzir visited two comprehensive schools and the Sharett Community Centre. Council Chairman Yitzhak Erihenn, who welcomed them, commented that Mrs. Katzir is well-known in Hatzor because of her social welfare work.

One man stops 'short cut' flights across Mt. Carmel

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — One man, who was both persistent and diplomatic, is credited with bringing to an almost complete stop the noisy and unsafe "short-cut" airplane flights over the residential sections of Mt. Carmel. The flights which were against regulations had been taking place during most hours of the day.

The man is the legal counsel of the Council for the Conservation of Environmental Quality, a public body. However, as a lawyer, he asked that his name be withheld for reasons of professional ethics.

He said that he lives on the Western Carmel, where his rest was often disturbed by the low-flying aircraft, most of them single-engine passenger planes, headed to or taking off from the nearby airfield.

He said that the pilots flew across Mt. Carmel to save time for their own convenience.

Early in October the lawyer complained to the Civil Aviation Directorate at Lod. A senior technical officer confirmed his complaint was justified because the only authorized route between Haifa and the south was further west, "avoiding the residential areas on the Carmel promontory."

The Kanaf-Arkia Company, which was engaged in most of the civilian flights to Haifa, was notified that its pilots were not observing regulations. The Directorate also reportedly informed the Air Force that some of its pilots were taking "short cuts" and should be instructed about the regulations. But the illegal flights didn't stop by the next week.

The lawyer then telephoned the Haifa control tower where he said the official was unaware of the regulations. The lawyer asked the Civil Aviation Directorate for assistance.

"When I stopped a plane overhead I called the Haifa Control Tower," he said. "In two instances, I was put through to the pilots, who said they were unaware of the regulations. I telephoned the chief pilot of Arkia in Tel Aviv, who agreed with me and promised to instruct his pilots and pass the message to Kanaf-Arkia."

The lawyer reported that the officials he talked to were always courteous and that "it was refreshing to discover an obliging attitude and civic spirit among people who could have shrugged me off."

Consumer groups to start comparison tests of imported and local products

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Consumer organizations will soon begin comparison testing of both imported and locally produced products. This relatively new direction for Israel's consumer groups has been announced last week by Aharon Gilat, manager of the Standards Institution which will be the examining body.

A spokesman for the institution said that these tests are expensive and that the organizations will be receiving financial help from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Maya Tabori of the government-sponsored Consumers Council said that a IL100,000 budget had been requested for comparison testing from the ministry a few days prior to the devaluation. She hoped that the sum would be granted in a month's time.

Mr. Gilat, addressing the General Council of the Standards Institution, said that following the government's new economic measures consumers should be able to buy quality-ensured products for their money. He pointed out that the Standards Institution is the primary means of ensuring quality production in Israel, but that only three per cent of Israel's industrial production bears the institution's stamp of approval which is awarded to products which meet with carefully defined criteria. Despite this seemingly low figure, the Israeli percentage is higher than in England or France.

Mr. Gilat said that between 1970 and 1974, the institution had increased by 45 per cent the number of tests and that the number of employees at the institution had risen by 10 per cent. The institution carries out 6,000 tests a month.

The Standards Institution, which both determines criteria for particular products and supervises production, is an independent government-sponsored body which deals only with manufacturers or such organized bodies as the consumer organizations. Its services are not available to the individual consumer. On the other hand, the consumer is the chief benefactor of the institution's activities.

It was further noted that the institution's authority is rather limited in scope. It cannot, for example, order a manufacturer to make a certain product in a particular manner. However, other authorities can use their power to determine that the products they use or fall within their jurisdiction bear the institution's seal. A recent example is a Haga directive ordering the use of institution-approved products in civil defence shelters.

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Swiss vote against Unesco funding

BERNE. — The Swiss upper house of parliament yesterday overwhelmingly voted to reduce Switzerland's contribution to Unesco by 10 per cent.

The Council of States's acceptance of the Social-Democrat proposal by 29 votes against three came during the 1975 budget debate. Speakers criticized the UN agency for its anti-Israel attitude.

Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Graber had warned the council against an "improvised change" of Switzerland's attitude towards the international organizations. Switzerland is not a member of the UN but participates in most of its agencies. Graber said the proposed cut of the 1.83-million francs ($665,000) would violate a Swiss obligation.

The issue goes back to the National Council, the Swiss lower house, which rejected an earlier proposal to cancel the Swiss contribution altogether by 70 against 56 votes last week. It is thought likely to approve a reduction.

In both houses, speakers have blamed Unesco for excluding Israel from its regional groupings and referred to moves in the U.S. and France to withhold or reduce contributions.

Meanwhile, sources at UN headquarters in New York said one or more members of Unesco's European Regional Group were considering measures to undo Israel's exclusion from that body. The sources said some members were alarmed that the injection of Arab-Israel strife into a body that deals with educational, scientific and cultural questions might be followed by a reduction of Western financial support for Unesco.

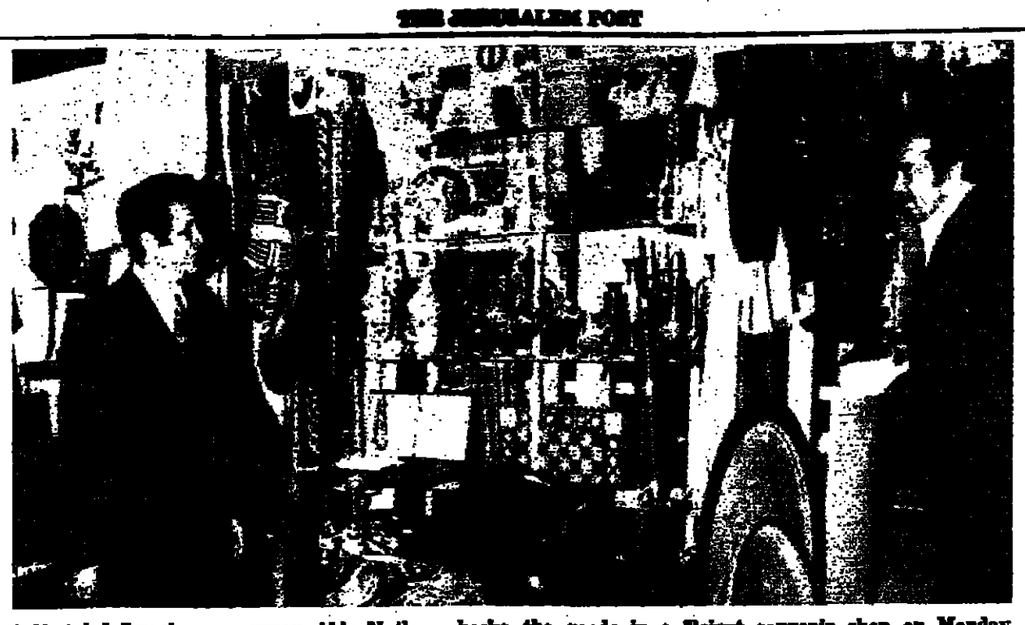
The U.S. Senate is due to consider the U.S. financial contribution today.

Israeli experts yesterday stayed away from the opening session in Paris of a Unesco conference on standardizing educational statistics.

It was the first opportunity Israel had to show its displeasure with the decision by Unesco's General Conference to bar it from regional groupings, after condemning archaeological diggings in Jerusalem and authorizing cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But an Israeli spokesman said the conference was not a test case. "I don't know if we wanted to attend anyway," he said. "The thing that is important is that I don't think we're going to do anything much more with Unesco. The organization's concrete work, notably distributing money, is done in the regional commissions, and there we're no longer welcome."

(Reuter, AP, UPI)



Self-styled Israel peace envoy Abie Nathan checks the goods in a Beirut souvenir shop on Monday night. (AP radiophoto)

Abie Nathan spends a night on the town in Beirut, then gets deported

BEIRUT (AP). — Abie Nathan, Israel's self-styled peace pilot, was deported from Beirut yesterday after spending the night in the Lebanese capital, police reported.

A former Israel Air Force pilot who has made several attempts to enter Arab countries, Nathan managed to fly into Beirut on Monday with a British passport, carrying a legal Lebanese visa in his own name, police informants said.

Prime Minister Rashid Solh told reporters Nathan's British passport was "legal and not forged" and stated his place of birth as Iran.

He arrived on a regular flight from Paris, cleared customs, the passports and medical departments at Beirut Airport and then took a taxicab to the Lebanese capital, informants said.

It took police five hours to catch up with him, arrest him and escort him back to the airport for deportation.

The newspaper "An Nahar" said Nathan was seen on Monday night at the plush Saint George's Hotel at adjacent oriental antiquities shops and on Phoenicia Street, Beirut's downtown strip of night spots. The paper carried an arrival picture of Nathan at the airport on its front page along with another showing him at an antiquities shop.

A police spokesman said Nathan was flown back to Paris at his own request.

He told police investigators his purpose in coming to Beirut was part of his campaign for an Arab-Israeli reconciliation and peaceful coexistence, the spokesman said.

Nathan began his peace campaign with a flight to Port Said in 1966. Egyptian authorities at the time confined him to the airfield while his private plane was refuelled and then sent him back to Israel.

In the early 1970s Nathan bought a trawler and used it as a floating radio station, his "Voice of Peace," that broadcast peace appeals to the Arab countries and Israel from the eastern Mediterranean.

Nathan finally closed down his station during the October War.

'IT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD'

PARIS (AP). — Abie Nathan just loved his night in Beirut.

"Beirut is out of this world, clean, cheap, the people are polite, it's so new compared to Tel Aviv," Nathan said on his return here from a 24-hour peace foray in the Arab world.

"I went to a restaurant to test the food," said the former Tel Aviv restaurateur. "How good, how delicious, it was wonderful, what service — it made me ashamed of the restaurant I ran" (the California).

"I went to see the night spots just to see how people live. I assumed they would be clip joints, but they were aesthetic and so honest.

"I went to Beirut to propose to Palestinian 'guerrilla' leaders that they and Israel declare a cease-fire for 60 days so that people could sleep in peace instead of resting in peace. I am a friend of the Palestinians although this does not make me a traitor to Israel.

"I wanted to change the Palestinian image in Israel. I want the people in Israel to see that Palestinians can be responsible people."

Lisbon against use of base for U.S. airlift

By CHRISTOPHER REED

LISBON. — Portugal does not want the U.S. to use the mid-Atlantic base in the Azores for an arms lift to Israel again in the event of another Middle East war, according to a government minister.

But negotiators in Lisbon, who are discussing a new agreement with the Americans over the base — Lages on Terceira Island — are caught in a dilemma. The U.S. can still use the base until a new agreement is concluded. The Portuguese, however, are using the negotiations as a lever to get much needed economic aid from Washington.

Meanwhile, Portugal is still under a total Arab oil embargo, imposed after Lages was used as an airlift base in the October War. If it were used again, Lisbon could certainly forget any chance of getting back into favour in the Arab world.

The Minister told me: "Our present policy is to open up to the Arab countries, so the Government's position if anything happens in the Middle East will be linked to the new policy." He added that obviously the Azores was part of that thinking.

The new view demonstrates a significant shift in Portugal's previous obedient role in Nato. On the question of the nation's exclusion from Nato's nuclear policy group — because of the presence of the Communist Party leader in the cabinet — the Lisbon regime remains unruffled.

Another senior politician explained: "Since we are not a nuclear power, and never will be, this Nato group is not that important to us anyway. If other nations are offended by our presence, we say it is better to leave them to it rather than cause an upset by insisting on attendance."

The Azores, considered strategically vital by Nato's military planners, is shared by the U.S. and Portugal under a bilateral agreement and is not, in fact, a part of the Atlantic treaty. In October last year the Portuguese were the only nation in Europe to cooperate with the U.S. in the arms lift to Israel. But that was under the dictatorship of Marcello Caetano, deposed in the April 25 coup in Lisbon and now in exile in Brazil.

Now, Portugal's relations with the U.S. are cooling, despite President Costa Gomes's recent visit to Washington and New York during which he met President Ford and assured him of Lisbon's continued loyalty to Nato.

It is reported in Lisbon that U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's concern over a "leftist takeover" in Portugal has caused a delay in the Azores negotiations despite urging to the contrary by Ambassador Stuart Nash Scott. It is believed that Scott is to be replaced.

(Ofra)

Jailed Black Rhodesian leaders flew to Zambia on political mission

SALISBURY. — Prime Minister Ian Smith last month temporarily released two African Nationalist leaders held without trial for 11 years so they could travel to neighbouring Zambia to explore a solution to Rhodesia's constitutional problems, a Rhodesian Government spokesman said yesterday.

Both Joshua Nkomo, head of the banned Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union (ZAPU) and the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, leader of the banned Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) honoured their paroles and returned from the Zambian capital of Lusaka.

There they met host, President Kenneth Kaunda, Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, who chaired the meeting, President-elect of the former Portuguese colony of Mozambique, Samora Machel and Botswana President, Sir Seretse Khama.

Black Nationalist sources in Salisbury said the minimum African demand the detained leaders brought back was immediate equal Black and White representation in the Rhodesian Parliament. The Lusaka meeting also discussed a cease-fire in the two-year-old guerrilla war in the northeast as a prelude to constitutional negotiations with Smith, the sources said.

Agreement between Smith and Black Nationalists, bypassing talks with Whitehall, could end Rhodesia's nine-year constitutional crisis and close almost a decade of international economic and political isolation.

In the Tanzanian capital, Dar-Es-Salaam, it was reported yesterday that President Nyerere one of three African leaders directly involved in the search for a Rhodesia settlement, travels to Lusaka today for a new round of talks with Zambia's president Kenneth Kaunda. No details of Nyerere's visit were divulged beyond the fact that he was going to the Zambian capital "to continue consultations on the situation in Southern Africa."

The latest moves follow reports of dramatic developments — including a secret visit by the South African Prime Minister to West Africa two months ago — apparently aimed at reaching black-white détente in Southern Africa.

(UPI, Reuter)

Ford states no changes on M.E.

By WOLF I. BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel sources here were satisfied yesterday that President Gerald Ford restated U.S. policy in the Middle East during his Monday night press conference without adopting any appreciable changes.

The President asserted that the U.S. has "no way of forcing" Israel to negotiate with the PLO. He also denied published reports that during his recent Vladivostok summit meeting with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev the two super-powers agreed on a formula to get Israel and the PLO to begin negotiations. The reports had alleged that the U.S. would pressure Israel to hold talks with the PLO, after the Soviets convinced the PLO to recognize Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

"We didn't get into that detail," the President said. "The discussion between Mr. Brezhnev and myself, as far as the Middle East was concerned, (was) to state our position and their position and, as we discussed it, I think we came to a higher degree of agreement in that our position is understood by them and the prospects of the Geneva agreement was understood by us," he added.

This was an apparent reference to the Soviet reference to reconvene the Geneva peace talks as soon as possible while Washington wants step-by-step negotiations to continue outside the Geneva framework.

Ford acknowledged that "some differences" existed between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, "but they're not as major as it would appear."

He said that "at a certain point, a Geneva conference might be the final answer," but he maintained that "we think our step-by-step approach is the right one for the time being." He added that the U.S. "does not preclude the possibility of a Geneva conference."

In the past, American officials have made it clear that a premature resumption of the Geneva talks, where the Soviets serve along with the U.S. as equal co-chairmen and the Arab states are forced to accept unified postures, would probably lead to an early deadlock. Israel has opposed returning quickly to Geneva because it too believes that real progress is only possible on a bilateral level.

There was some interpretation after the President's last press conference that he appeared to be opening up the door to eventual PLO participation in the negotiations, by referring to talks between Israel and other Arab "parties."

On Monday night, the President left no such implication possible when he said: "We indicated that, in our judgment, it was important for continuous progress to be made — perhaps with negotiations between Israel and one or more of the other Arab nations."

O'Dalaigh elected Ireland President

DUBLIN (UPI). — Judge Cearbhall O'Dalaigh, 63, yesterday won unopposed election as President of Ireland for a seven-year term. He succeeds Erskine Childers, who died two weeks ago.

At a brief ceremony in Dublin's Custom House, presidential returning officer Gerald O'Doherty said O'Dalaigh's nomination paper was the only one received, and declared him elected.

Tough austerity plan for Danes

COPENHAGEN (AP). — Premier Poul Hartling's minority Liberal government yesterday introduced the most comprehensive austerity plan since World War II, including a ban on all wage increases next year.

The key elements of the plan were a one-year prolongation of all expiring wage agreements, a temporary ban on automatic wage adjustments pegged to the cost-of-living index, a freeze on dividends and profits on goods and services throughout 1975, and a temporary freeze on producers' prices on beef, pork, poultry, milk and dairy products.

Hartling introduced the plan to Parliament as a take-it-or-leave-it package. It appeared to leave the legislators with no other alternative than swallowing the pill or face an election, with January 21 the most likely election date.

Political observers predicted that Hartling, whose Liberals command only 22 of Parliament's 179 seats, may not wait for a vote, but could call the election this week if preliminary negotiations with leaders of the other 11 parties point to a defeat for the plan.

Soviets fire soccer team for capitalism

MOSCOW (UPI). — A major-league Soviet soccer team has been disqualified for "capitalist behaviour," the newspaper "Sovietskii Sport" said yesterday.

The newspaper said players of the Metallurg team in the industrial city of Lipetsk were guilty of "immoral behaviour, money-grubbing and extortion." Metallurg plays in the First League, one notch down from the nation's top division.

The scandal blew up when it was revealed that players received cars, furniture "and other goods in short supply." One player, a certain A. Gubalev, reportedly threatened to quit the team unless he received a three-room flat within a week.

U.S. plan to sell gold drops price

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. will sell two million ounces of gold from its Government-held gold reserves, Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said yesterday. The gold is valued at $84.4m. at the official rate, but much more on the open market.

The announcement immediately affected the world's two largest bullion markets. The price dropped in London from $184.25 an ounce at Monday's close to $178. At the time of the announcement the price was around $183.

In Zurich, the Swiss Credit Bank said it had marked gold down to a range of $177 to $180 an ounce, making a midpoint of $178.50 compared to Monday's $185.75.

Simon said the two million ounces will be sold in quantities of 400-ounce bars at public auction on January 6. He added that there will be no postponement of the December 31 deadline after which Americans will be permitted to own gold for the first time in over 40 years.

Simon said profits from the gold sales will be used by the Government to finance its own expenditures and reduce its need to borrow money in financial markets.

By reducing its own borrowing activity, Simon said, more funds will be available on private financial markets to finance industry, housing and other activities.

He said the first $42 for each ounce of gold — the official price — will be used to redeem gold certificates now held by the Federal Reserve Board.

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Katzir's remarks on nuclear potential cause some stir

BRITISH AND Lebanese newspapers yesterday gave front-page coverage to President Ephraim Katzir's recent statement that Israel has the potential to produce nuclear weapons. President Katzir made the remarks to visiting European and American science writers in Jerusalem on Sunday.

"The Times" of London, leading with the story, writes that the Israeli statement badly to the agreements earlier this year for the supply of American reactors for civil purposes to the Middle East. The strategic and military implications of such an action have made an indelible imprint on Israel's attitude and policy, the paper's Jerusalem correspondent reported.

Meanwhile, officials in Washington said yesterday that six months after President Richard Nixon promised nuclear power plants to Egypt and Israel, the U.S. has been unable to make good its pledge because of protracted negotiations over safeguards to prevent the reactors from being diverted to military uses.

The officials said that the Atomic Energy Commission and the State Department are still negotiating with the two governments on ways of preventing plutonium, generated by the reactors, from being used to produce atomic bombs.

Sources in Washington reported that Egypt was initially amenable to the U.S. safeguards proposal, but requested that Israel also place its nuclear research reactor at Dimona under international inspection.

The Dimona plant is generally believed capable of creating sufficient plutonium to produce several nuclear bombs a year, but Israeli officials have adamantly denied that the facility is being used for this purpose. Furthermore, Israel is reported to be resisting international safeguards for the Dimona reactor.

As plans for the proposed U.S. reactor appear to be shelved for the time being, the Soviet Government publication "Soviet Weekly" reported earlier this week that Moscow has promised to equip Egypt with a 460,000 kilowatt reactor. It did not mention if the pact included safeguards against its being used to produce nuclear warheads.

In Beirut, the mass-circulation "Al-Anbar" referred to President Katzir's remarks in an editorial headed "The Joint Intimidation," stating that Israel's "threat to overrun South Lebanon is insignificant compared with its hinted atomic threat to the entire world.

"Needless to say, if America tries to undertake a crazy invasion of the Arab oil states, Israel will be ready to attack the surrounding Arab countries. This is what lies behind Israel's hint to use the atomic bomb," the paper said.

(JTA, UPI, Reuter)

Soviet spaceship "Soyuz 16" with a two-man crew aboard is shown at the moment of launching on Monday. (AP radiophoto)

Newest cosmonauts are doing well

MOSCOW. — Two Russian cosmonauts on a rehearsal space flight for next year's U.S.-Soviet space hookup carried out their assigned tests yesterday and reported they are feeling well, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Tass said Anatoly Filipchenko and Nikolai Rukavishnikov had breakfast, made medical checks, "checked on the growth of micro-organisms in the weightlessness of space and experimented with their life-support systems."

Yesterday morning 24 hours after the launching, the Soyuz 16 spacecraft had made 16 orbits of the earth, the announcement said.

The detail and speed of reporting by the Soviet media seemed to indicate strong confidence that the mission will be successful, and greater concern than on previous space shots that the world should be well informed of the flight's progress.

Soyuz 16 is to attempt docking manoeuvres with a model of an American Apollo docking unit — called a "special imitating ring" — in preparation for the joint Soviet-American space expedition next July.

A Western expert said it appeared that the Soyuz was carrying a copy of the U.S. docking unit and "will shoot it ahead five or 10 metres and then try to dock with it."

Meanwhile yesterday America's Pioneer II space probe survived Jupiter's massive radiation as it streaked by the largest planet in the solar system.

Word that the 258-kilo Pioneer had made its 42,560 km. high fly past of the planet came when the deep space network antenna at Canberra, Australia, picked up the craft's faint signal, space officials said here.

The unmanned probe reached a top speed of 107,000 nautical miles an hour — about 48 km. a second — as it hurtled past the mystery planet to become the fastest object ever made by man.

(AP, Reuter)

British defence funds to go into Europe

BRUSSELS (UPI). — In an attempt to get concessions from its European Common Market partners, Britain told them yesterday it will cut back its world-wide defence spending to concentrate on Europe.

Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, speaking at a meeting of Common Market foreign ministers, reportedly told them Britain had no intention to abandon such bases as Gibraltar and Hongkong. But he did not elaborate on where the cuts will be made. However, he said, Britain will concentrate its defence efforts on aiding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) in central Europe.

Callaghan's spokesman said this European commitment cost Britain £3,000m. yearly. He said this redirection of defence spending showed Britain was serious about being a member of Europe.

Because of this, he said, the other eight Common Market nations should agree to Britain's request to reduce its contribution to the Common Market budget. Britain claims that, by 1978, it will pay in some 22 per cent of the Common Market budget but will have only 14 per cent of the area's total production. The issue has become a key point in Britain's demand to renegotiate its status within the Common Market.

The foreign ministers passed the issue onto the European summit meeting to be held in Paris next Monday and Tuesday. The spokesman said all nations except France sympathized with the British position, although West Germany advocated doing nothing until 1978.

France said it doubted the British figures were correct and opposed doing anything at all until the problem was proved to exist. Callaghan called the stand by French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues "a jet of cold air."

In London, the British government yesterday announced a 10 per cent cut in its armed forces over the next 10 years, to be effected mainly by whittling down garrisons outside Europe.

The cuts were ordered to help bring relief to the hard-pressed British economy. The reductions should save the Treasury £4,700m. in defence costs in the period up to 1984.

Israel's information battle among European youth

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON — The position on the Arab-Israel dispute of most youth groups of European political parties is either neutral, or pro-Arab. Israel has managed to prevent a political collapse of support only by careful manoeuvring and assiduous cultivation of key members of these organizations, according to Danny Korn, International Secretary of the Young Leadership section of the Israel Labour Party.

There has been a slight improvement in Israel's position within these groups since the decline of the New Left, "but we are still fighting an uphill battle," he says. The main problem is that it is very easy to identify with and accept simple emotional slogans, in which the advocates of the Palestinian cause specialize, while few people are prepared to stand still long enough to hear Israel's more lengthily argued case.

Korn believes that it is important that greater efforts be made with the European Left, because those who are today in their early twenties, could well be ministers in their Governments before they reach the age of 30. Israel's case must be put before these people, and their friendship won so that they retain a positive attitude towards Israel when they enter government.

One of the most effective methods of winning over the young leaders to support for Israel is to bring them on a visit to the country. Korn finds that except for those who were anti-Israel from the outset, they invariably come away staunch supporters of Israel and with an understanding of our problems which remains with them for many years.

The Palestinian propagandists have an easier task than the advocates of Israel's case because it is easy for Europeans to say they want to help the poor Palestinians. This is an especially good excuse for those who are basically interested in ensuring that they continue to get Arab oil.

Korn has found during his frequent travels in Europe that the Palestinian spokesmen are not interested in arguing with Israelis or Zionists. They prefer to talk to those who have little knowledge of the Middle East. It is among such people that they find it easiest to sell their emotive arguments, while Israelis equally find it most difficult to persuade these same people to listen to Israel's case.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has won a lot of sympathy because it is viewed by large sections of European youth as an authentic liberation movement. In the face of the strong support for the Palestinian cause, the small team of Israelis with very limited resources is managing to hold its own but, as Korn puts it: "only just."

Tekoah says UN has encouraged terror actions

UNITED NATIONS (JTA). — Israel charged on Monday night that "the recent General Assembly resolutions which yielded to the demands of the PLO have encouraged the campaign of terror attacks against innocent Israeli civilians."

The charge was made in a letter from Israel's UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in which he referred to Saturday night's terrorist attack on Rihaniya in which a civilian was killed and his wife wounded.

The letter also cited the interception by an Israel patrol of five terrorists trying to cross the border from Lebanon during the night of November 28 on a murder mission. The terrorists were killed.

Tekoah noted that the terrorists who attacked Rihaniya were members of Arafat's Fatah terror group and "had been instructed in Beirut and in the PLO base at the Rashidiye refugee camp." They were under orders "to kill indiscriminately" and "to take hostages." Tekoah requested that his letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and Security Council.

Hungry world gorged with weapons

WASHINGTON (AP).—The world's nations are spending more than $240,000m. a year on military power, a report issued by the Arms Control Association said here on Monday.

The report called this "a burden on humanity of tragic proportions" at a time when hundreds of millions of persons around the globe lack food and other basic necessities.

"Neither the spirit of detente nor increasing evidence of a burgeoning economic-social crisis succeeded in slowing the arms race in 1973," the report said.

"In a period relatively free of major wars, the nations of the world were spending upward of $240,000m. a year on defence" — each presumably in anticipation of military attack.

"An estimated $40,000m.-$50,000m. of this annual outlay was for nuclear arsenals which, if used, would mean global devastation," the report said.

Death sentences for Nazi killers

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Two Soviet citizens accused of taking part in tortures and executions in a Nazi-run concentration camp in the occupied Crimea during World War II have been sentenced to death, according to reports reaching here.

The Ukrainian Party newspaper "Pravda Ukrainy" in Friday's issue said a military court in Simferopol, the Crimean capital, passed the death sentences on Sikhal Asanov, 51, and Enver Mehametov, whose age was not given.

The paper did not say when the trial took place, whether the sentences had been carried out or whether there was any appeal. A third man, Nasurla Menzatov, 61, said to have played a lesser role in the camp's activities, was jailed for 15 years.

All three appeared from their names to be Crimean Tartars. Asanov and Menzatov were arrested in Uzbekistan last year; Mehametov was tracked down in the north Caucasus last April.

Some 6,500 Soviet citizens are said to have been massacred at the camp near Simferopol between 1943 and 1944.

Spain's law on parties disappoints opposition

MADRID. — Details of a draft law allowing a form of political parties in Spain — but only under rigid controls — yesterday drew bitter reaction from opposition politicians who said it was too late and too little.

The proposals, spelled out by Prime Minister Carlos Arias Navarro in a television speech on Monday night, will allow political associations. But they must virtually pledge allegiance to General Franco's National Movement, the only political organization permitted in Spain.

As Spaniards considered the draft law, Basque guerrillas set off a bomb yesterday in northern Spain, and 20,000 workers stayed off the job in sympathy with the guerrillas' campaign for an autonomous region. Police said no one was injured when the bomb went off in the Dover Cafe in San Sebastian, as the cafe was emptied after a telephone bomb threat. They also reported finding an unexploded bomb at a television delay tower near the capital of Guipuzcoa Province. In Bilbao, the other principal capital in the Basque provinces, police reported more than 40 bomb threats but said all was quiet.

Informed sources said the bombing was not connected with the Spanish Government's announcement of the first political liberalization for the nation since the end of the Spanish Civil War.

Prime Minister Arias admitted in his broadcast on the draft law that it offered less than many Spaniards had expected.

Dionisio Bidruejo, a Social Democrat leader, commented: "We used to have one party, now we shall have various faces of the same one party."

A socialist university professor said the contents of the draft showed that ultra-right wingers were still very well entrenched in Spain.

The draft law is expected to be promulgated, with few changes, by decree signed by General Franco before the end of the year.

Under it, his movement's national council has the power to recognize, suspend or dissolve political associations.

Arias promised to legalize political associations soon after he assumed office in January, but he ran into opposition from influential right wingers.

Still in control of Spain, Generalissimo Franco turns 82 today, even though a near-fatal illness six months ago forced him to surrender power temporarily for the first time in 35 years. As usual, the General is expected to mark his birthday quietly with his family in Madrid.

(AP, Reuter)

Iraqi leftist leader reported murdered

BAGHDAD (AFP). — Iraqi Communist leader Salem Khabbaz was murderedthis weekend, the party organ "Tareek al-Sha'ab" reported on Monday.

The paper blamed the followers of Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barazani for the alleged murder.

Britain almost breadless

LONDON (UPI). — Bread disappeared from shelves across Britain yesterday on the first day of a Bakers' Union strike that reduced supplies by 80 per cent.

Leaders of the 33,000-member Bakers' Union, demanding a 66 per cent pay rise and an extra seven days annual vacation, threatened to stay out indefinitely.

"There will be some bread here and there today. But tomorrow our action will really bite," Bakers Union General Secretary Stan Gretton said.

Employment Minister Michael Foot told Parliament the Government had no plans to introduce rationing of the 20 per cent of normal supplies that will be produced by small independent bakeries.

Arms limitation allows U.S. more

WASHINGTON. — The Soviet-American ceiling on multi-headed missiles, announced on Monday by President Gerald Ford, will allow the U.S. to build 34 more than it had planned.

"We have an obligation to stay at that ceiling," Ford told Monday's news conference as he announced the agreement to limit missiles equipped with MIRVs — multiple, independently targetable re-entry vehicles — to 1,320.

The U.S. has 838 MIRV missiles; while three current programmes would increase them to 1,286 — 34 below the ceiling.

The Vladivostok accord has come under criticism here because it does not limit the size of missiles — the Russians have larger weapons than the U.S. — or the number of warheads that can be put on an individual delivery system.

Hanukka gifts for foster children

The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund went shopping yesterday for all the gifts that must be out before the first Hanukka candle is lit this coming Sunday night.

Our first lot is for the children with foster parents all around the country, as well as for special schools and hospitals.

Yesterday's mail-bags brought the Toy Fund IL3,701, bringing the total so far to IL35,186.73. If you cannot bring your contributions to the offices of *The Post* just mail them to: *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem. We still have lots more shopping to do.

Contributors of yesterday include:

IL1,000 — In loving memory of Saba Tad — Michal, Dudu, Ron, Oren and Dana.

IL250 — From Donnie — The Jerusalem Great Dane — with love.

IL200 — Paul Gertner in memory of Michael.

IL100 — V. Cohen Zwart, Herzliya — in memory of my brother Jacques Zwart, who loved Israel very much but was never able to see it. L. Wyler, Kfar Shmaryahu. From the Bridge Party, Tel Aviv. In honour of the 69th birthday of Grandpa Polachek from Jackie, Johnny, Linda and Danny. Irwin Talesnick of Canada, now in Jerusalem. Dr. Nachum Tim Gidal, Jerusalem.

IL80 — Max Safern, Tel Aviv — in honour of Dr. and Mrs. Shlomo Landau who moved to their new home.

IL75 — Yehiel and Theodor — in memoriam. For Sita, Simeon and Michael Cohen, Montreal and the Evenhuis children, Amsterdam — from Dana and Uri, Motza.

IL71 — In loving memory of my father Dr. Paul De Levie — Jonah, Tel Aviv.

$10 — Mrs. M. Rapp, New York — in memory of Shimon Rapp.

IL54 — N.N., Jerusalem.

IL50 — Medical Staff of Shalvata Hospital, Bat Yam. The Bridge Ladies, Ramat Hen. Gig Kalkmann, London — in memory of my dear husband Harry. Mr. and Mrs. D. Holzman, Milwaukee, Wis. Dr. Michael Heiman, Jerusalem. From Alec and Freda in loving memory of their son Mayer Jacob (Pincus) Ber-El. From Granny and Adam, Rolly and Sandy Weinberger, Netanya. In loving memory of Miryam and Frida.

IL40 — For Susie, Jackie, Claire, Kathryn — from Ima, Haifa. To Gil, Shai and Noam Amissar and Sharon Meir — from Mammi Wormser. Ahuza Bridge Players.

IL36 — N.N., Jerusalem.

IL30 — Yael and Ofra Weil, Haifa. Edna and Lena — in memoriam. Bental Family, Haifa. M.H., Jerusalem. In honour of L.M. from W. and H.B. Jansnuw, Bat Yam. In memoriam of Elfriede Brandt — Dr. M. Brandt.

$5 — In loving memory of my grandmother Dora Ostroff — Bobby Steinberg, Kibbutz Adamit.

IL26 — Hanan and Helen Schlesinger, Jerusalem. Dr. Grete Weidenbaum, Nahariya. Nathan Aronade — in memoriam. E. van der Lyn, Rishon Lezion. Dr. P. Glaser, Safed. Shlomo Kan, Hadar Am. Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Friedgut; From Debi Bodlander and Benny Ovadia; Jerusalem. In memory of Dr. S.C. from E.T. Haifa. In memory of Dr. William E. Lee from the Bieler and Lee Family. F.D., Jerusalem. From Savta Mami and Saba Fred Roi; In memory of our son Segen Elan Shapiro, who fell in the Yom Kippur War on 16.10.73 —Hetta and Louis Shapiro; Mayenthau; Haifa.

IL20 — Violette Joshua, Mesbek Dafna. Ruth Blau; N.N.; Tel Aviv. Gideon and Dan Abeles' Children, Haifa. Jochanan Ashar Schlein, Jerusalem.

IL15 — Mrs. G. Matioff; Joseph Fox; Mrs. G. Colin; Ramat Gan. Marianne Feldstein, Nahariya. Gilda and Aron Hanock, Tel Aviv. V.R., Haifa.

IL10 — For Tal and Shai Vered — Kate Wollenberg; Yoav and Na'ama; Tel Aviv. Arthur Korman; in memory of a wonderful friend, Bella Abel of Sea Point, S.A. — from Pearl Levinsohn; Netanya. Hamoutzi and Sarah Minkowich, aged 2 and 1, Jerusalem. In memory of Dr. Miriam Hirsch-Goldman, Bep Windmuller for Shahar, Inbal, Tal, Maayan.

IL5 — In honour of our grandchildren's Batmitzva. Dafna and Tamar Suprin — Mr. and Mrs. J. Suprin, Tel Aviv.

BRIDGE — GEORGE LEVINREW

When slam bidding is the key

SLAM BIDDING is often the key to success in a match. Today we have two deals from the Sweden-Austrian match at the European Championships.

Deal 1
E-W vul.

NORTH
♠ J 5
♡ A Q 5
◇ A 7 5 3
♣ A 10 5 4

WEST
♠ K 10 8 6
♡ 10 8 7 3
◇ 4 2
♣ 9 8 6

EAST
♠ 9 7 4 3 2
♡ K J 6 4 2
◇ Q 6
♣ 7

SOUTH (D)
♠ A Q
♡ 9
◇ K J 10 9 8
♣ K Q J 3 2

Would you bid a grand slam on these cards? Austria did and made it. Sweden was cautious and only bid the small slam.

The bidding with Sweden North-South:

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The opening 2NT bid was a special convention denoting two minor suits with 13-16 high card points. 4NT was a Culbertson asking bid indicating three Aces. The 5NT response indicated one Ace and the kings of clubs and diamonds. North felt uncertain about a possible losing major trick so he signed off in the small slam.

The bidding with Austria North-South:

South	North
2◇	3♣
4♣	4NT
5◇	7♣

The opening of 2◇ was another special convention indicating a strong two suit hand. The bidding at the Championships was replete with many special conventions, some not widely used. The Austrian bidding was more natural than the Swedish bidding. North took the good chance of making the 13th trick either through ruffing once by North, or through a finesse. Declarer was able to discard one ♠ from the North hand on a long ♣, and to make the ruffing trick. I would term the grand slam a reasonable gamble. Sweden made only 940 points while Austria made 1440 points.

Deal 2
N-S Vul.

NORTH (D)
♠ A 8 7 4 3
♡ Q 10
◇ A Q 10
♣ 10 8 7

WEST
♠ K 10 6 5
♡ 8 5 2
◇ 8 7 5 2
♣ 9 6

EAST
♠ Q J 9
♡ 9 7 4
◇ K J 9 6 5
♣ K Q

SOUTH
♠ 2
♡ A K J 6 3
◇ 4
♣ A J 5 4 3 2

On this deal it was Austria who showed caution and missed a slam, possibly influenced by an overcall from East.

The bidding with Sweden North-South:

North	South
1♠	2♣
2◇	2♡
2NT	3♡
4♣	5♣
6♣	Pass

The bidding with Austria North-South:

North	East	South	West
1♠	2◇	2♡	Pass
2♣	Pass	3◇	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

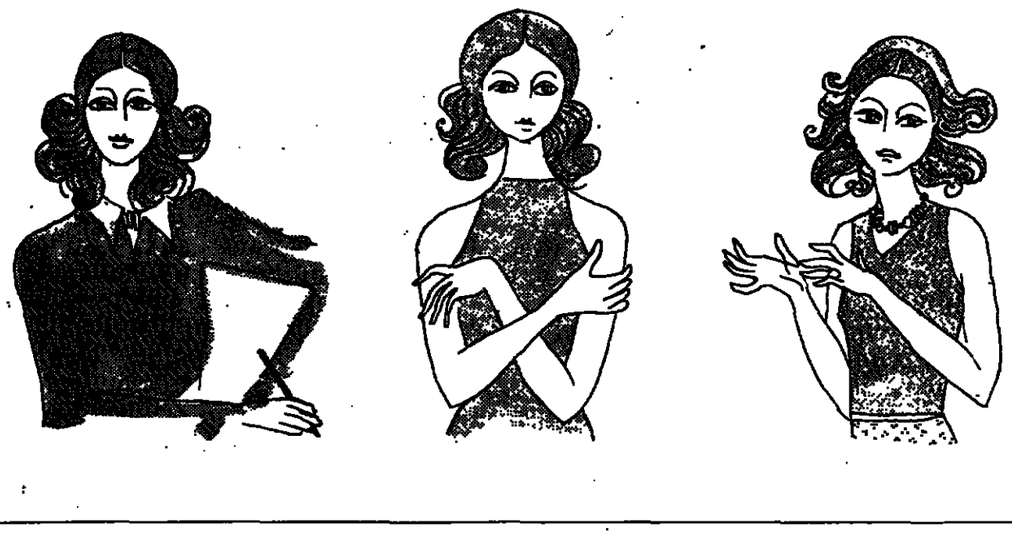
Each side made 12 tricks, but the score was 1,370 for Sweden and only 620 for Austria. There may be a lesson here: if an interference bid can prevent a slam, well bid it.

BRIDGE CALENDAR

Coming Event

Saturday, December 14 (corrected date): Confino Cup, national mixed pair tournament in Haifa at Beit Hagefen, two sessions starting at 9.30 a.m.

WEEKLY DUPLICATE GAMES, 8.00 p.m.
Ashkelon—Monday, Thursday: Museum.
Beersheba — Monday, Thursday: Beit Ha'am.
Haifa — City: Monday, Thursday, Beit Hagefen. Central Carmel: Sunday, Wednesday: Beit Rothschild. Neve Sha'anan: Tuesday: Beit Abba Khoushi.
Herzliya B — Tuesday: Hotel Sharon.
Jerusalem — Wednesday: Diplomat Hotel.
Kiryat Haim — Tuesday: Beit Negler.
Kiryat Tivon — Sunday: Beit Habistadrut.
Netanya — Monday: Orly Hotel. Thursday: Wizo Hall.
Pardess Hana — Sunday: Wizo.
Rehovot — Monday: Masonic Hall.
Savyon — Sunday: Avia Hotel.
Tel Aviv — Wednesday, Thursday: Dukes Club.



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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.

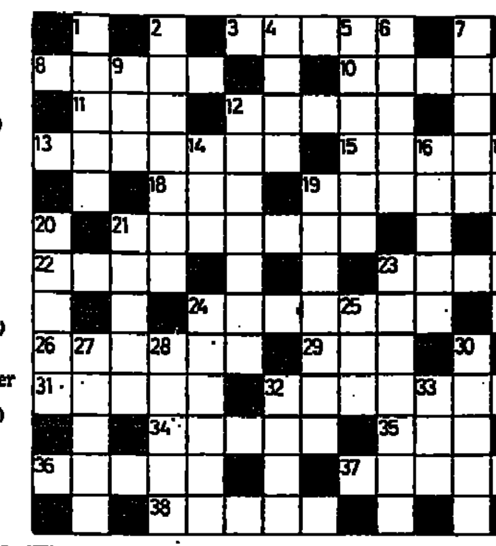
EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

3 Steeple (5)
8 Old measure of length (5)
10 Enraged (5)
11 Vehicle (3)
12 Redbreast (5)
13 Mosque turret (7)
15 Set of furniture (5)
18 Bathroom fitting (3)
19 Japanese entertainer (6)
21 Removed from office (7)
22 Colours (4)
23 Virginal (4)
24 Daydream (7)
26 Joined (6)
29 Rodent (3)
31 Shy (5)
32 Stock-farmer (7)
34 Even (5)
35 Cabin (3)
36 Series of notes (5)
37 Royal (5)
38 Minute (5)

DOWN

1 Clear (5)
2 Freebooters (7)
4 Scheme (4)
5 Elevated (6)
6 Boredom (5)
7 Thin soup (5)
9 Embargo (3)
12 Rested (7)
14 Knock (3)
16 Publish (5)
17 Support (5)
19 Army officer (7)
20 Loud cry (5)
21 Material (5)
23 Baseball player (7)
24 Compensate (6)
25 Sprinted (3)
27 Relative (5)
28 Works the soil (5)
30 Flower part (5)
32 Actual (4)
33 Embrace (3)



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

3 Matey game (5)
8 Day girl? (5)
10 Surviving organ (5)
11 River man (3)
12 One of the blind who won't see (5)
13 Food additive (7)
15 Stops changing jobs (5)
18 Perch-fishing requirement (3)
19 Like a hollow tooth? (6)
21 May lose heart and become scared, the beggars! (7)
22 Drag the swag? (4)
23 The exact place (4)
24 He makes copies (7)
26 Spider groups? (6)
29 Soldier's outfit? (3)
31 Girl with ideas (5)
32 Fabulous horseman! (7)
34 Not guilty of obstruction (5)
35 Sliding part on top (3)
36 Peers around for fun (5)
37 Jam and cake, maybe (5)
38 Doctor a master play (5)

DOWN

1 Right deity for a sculptor (5)
2 Water the drink! (7)
4 It's cut, also nicely split (4)
5 Inclinations of skiers? (6)
6 Suppress at bottom (3, 2)
7 Somewhat love-starved female? (5)
9 Has he naught to be nautical about? (3)
12 Bristly animals (7)
14 Dog up in the gallery! (3)
16 Can be ascended with saintly mien (5)
17 Period of heavy breathing? (5)
19 Thirst quencher (7)
20 Carpentry teacher? (5)
21 Erotic archer (5)
23 No bed of roses! (7)
24 Stripper once in uniform (6)
25 Knitting-needle container (3)
27 Big-hearted fellow (5)
28 Played a dangerous game (5)
30 Humerus reminder (5)
32 Unexcited as a clam? (4)
33 Help with an unfinished opera (3)

Monday's Cryptic solution

ACROSS.—1, Bluff. 6, Fells. 9, Old salt. 10, Sorry. 11, Youth. 12, Bacon. 13, Se-N-ator. 15, Fag. 17, Idol. 18, Rev-I-se. 19, Flour. 20, Knaves. 22, Oslo. 24, SA-D. 25, Hear-ten. 26, Alias. 27, Dingo. 28, Bo-O-th. 29, Own goal. 30, Drugs. 31 (London) Derry.

DOWN.—2, Locked. 3, For-Mal. 4, Fly. 5, Oscar. 6, Fly-over. 7, Elon. 8, Lit-mus. 12, Bowls. 13, Sinks. 14, No-mad. 15, First. 16, Get on. 18, RU-Les. 19, Fellows. 21, Napier. 22, Oriole. 23, Lett-ER. 26, Hangs. 26, A-go-g 28, (big)Bad(wolf).

Monday's Easy solution

ACROSS. — 1, Bread. 6, Mauve. 9, Nine-pin. 10, Plain. 11, Noble. 12, Again. 13, Strange. 15, Hem. 17, Heal. 18, Inside. 19, Reins. 20, Degree. 22, Cent. 24, Sly. 25, Peruses. 26, Relax. 27, Tenor. 28, Motto. 29, Central. 30, Stake. 31, Raven.

DOWN.—2, Relate. 3, Animal. 4, Dim. 5, Merge. 6, Minions. 7, Anon. 8, Valued. 12, Agree. 13, Sheds. 14, Rangy. 15, Hides. 16, Melts. 18, Index. 19, Referee. 21, Eldest. 22, Cupola. 23, Nettle. 25, Parts. 26, Rock. 28, Mar.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON FRIDAY

WHAT'S ON

Plant a Tree in Israel with Your Own Hands: free tour for planters to the Hills of Judea leave every Monday and Wednesday from Jerusalem and every Tuesday from Tel Aviv. For details and registration please call Visitors' Department; Keren Kayemet LeIsrael (Jewish National Fund): in Jerusalem, King George Ave., corner Rehov Keren Kayemet. Tel. 02-35261. In Tel Aviv. 96 Rehov Hayarkon, opp. Dan Hotel. Tel. 03-234449. Discover the city with Carta's new Tel Aviv Map. At hotels and bookstores.

Hadassah Tours.
1. Medical Centre at 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. *and 8.00 p.m. Last tour on Friday* at 12.15 p.m. Kennedy Building. No charge. Buses 19 and 27.
2. Morning half-day tour of all Hadassah projects. IL12.00 ($2) per person towards transportation. By reservation only: Tel. 416333.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY, tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Mount Scopus tours 11.30 a.m. from Truman Building. Further details: Tel. 35430.

Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Schmeller Wood, Romema. Tel. 533822. 7.30 a.m.-dusk.

AT THE KHAN THEATRE (opposite railway station). A folklore evening for tourists. With Inbal dance group, every Wednesday at 9.00 p.m.

New Israeli Films: Latest Israeli Films screened weekdays at 12 noon at Keren Hayesod Hall, Jewish Agency Building, Jerusalem. Admission free.

TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv Museum 27, Sderot Shaul Hamelech. Exhibition: Yoram Rozov - Drawings. **Zacks Hall** — Works by Jewish Artists, 17th and 18th century paintings — from the museum collections.
Meyerhoff Hall: Israeli art. **Jagiom Hall**, Impressionism. **Haft Hall:** Kinetic art. **Helena Rubinstein Pavilion**, 6 Rehov Tarsat. David Ben-Gurion 1886 — 1973. Visiting hours in both buildings: Sun., Mon., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4 p.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat. 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
The Helena Rubinstein Art Library (new building) Open: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tues. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4 p.m.-7 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Ha'aretz Museum, Tel Aviv Museum Centre, Ramat Aviv: (1) Glass Museum; (2) Kadmon Numismatic Museum; (3) Exhibition at the Ceramic Museum; Sculpture in Clay by Gedula Ogen; (4) Museum of Science and Technology; (5) Museum of Ethnography and Folklore; (6) Alphabet Museum; (7) Nechushtan Pavilion; (8) Tel-Qasile Excavations; Open: Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 a.m.-4.00 p.m., Fri. 9.00 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat. 10.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m., entrance free on Saturdays.
MUSEUM OF ANTIQUITIES OF TEL AVIV-YAFO, 10 Rehov Mifratz Shlomo. Open as above.
MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF TEL AVIV-YAFO, 27 Rehov Bialik. Open as above but closed Saturday.
Tel Aviv University - Conducted Tours: free conducted tours in English of RAMAT AVIV CAMPUS daily except Saturday Assembly point at University 10.30 a.m. Public Relations Dept.
MAGEN DAVID ADOM IN ISRAEL Headquarters—60 Rehov Giborei Israel, Tel Aviv. Visitors — Please call 36222 between 8.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. to arrange visits to our Central Blood Bank in Jaffa and for information regarding other Magen David Adom installations.
American Mizrahi Women's Organization 16, 18, Rehov Dov Hos, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-220157, 243106; Jerusalem 02-222646; Haifa 04-661528; Beersheba 057-78171.
National Religious Women's Organization Mizrahi and Hapoel Mizrahi Women in Israel, 166 Rehov Ibn Gvirol, Tel Aviv; Tel. 03-788942, 03-440316. Jerusalem: Tel. 02-30620, 02-35282, Mondays, Wednesdays guided tours, through Neve Sara Herzog Complex, Bnei Brak.

ORT ISRAEL: For visits please contact: ORT Tel Aviv, Tel. 762291-2; ORT Jerusalem, Tel. 233673; ORT Haifa, Tel. 668000, ORT Netanya, Tel. 22922.
Canadian Hadassah-Wizo Office, 116 Hayarkon. Tel. 227060, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
MOETZET HAPOALOT — PIONEER WOMEN, Courtesy Tours Sunday through Thursday mornings. By appointment only. Tel. 261111, ext. 484, Tel Aviv.

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TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30

ALLENBY — Walking Tall; **BEN YEHUDA** — The Sexy Dozen; **CINEMA ONE** — Casablanca; **CINERAMA** — Busting 7.15, 9.30; **CHEN** — Flatfoot; **DEKEL** — Death Wish 8.00, 10.00; **ESTHER** — Rivals; **GAT** — American Graffiti; **DRIVE-IN CINEMA** — The Prince and the Pauper 5.00, Follow That Camel 7.15, The Devil's Doll 9.45; **GORDON** — The Pedestrian; **HOD** — Gold 4.30, 7.00, 9.30; **LIMOR** — Romance 4.30, 7.00, 9.30; **MAXIM** — The Last Tango in Zagarol; **MOGRABI** — Death Wish; **OPHIR** — Rice; **ORLY** — Our Time; **PARIS** — The Effect Of gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds 7.30, 9.30; **PEER** — Verdict; **RAMAT AVIV** — Le Mouton Enrage; **TCHELET** — Siddhartha; **TEL AVIV** — 11 Harrowhouse; **ZAFON** — Deux Hommes Dans La Ville.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE — Steelyard Blues; **ARMON** — Flatfoot; **ATZMON** — Le Magnifique; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD** — I Girasoli — Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed. 6.45, 9.00, Focus — Sun. 9.15, La Denunciation — Thurs. 9.45; **CHEN** — That Man Bolt; **MORIAH** — The House Under The Trees 6.45, 9.00; **MIRON** — The Black Panther; **ORAH** — Les Granges Brulees; **ORDAN** — Charlie; **ORIAN** — Clinic Exclusive; **ORLY** — Paper Moon; **PEER** — American Graffiti; **RON** — The Knife of Ice; **SHAVIT** — Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid.

RAMAT GAN
4.00, 7.15, 9.30

ARMON — Paper Moon 4.00, 7.15, 9.30; **HADAR** — Lepke; **LILI** — La Grande Bouffe; **OASIS** — The Sting 4.00, 7.15, 9.30; **ORDEA** — Deux Hommes Dans La Ville; **RAMA** — The Wedding Night Of Dr. Danieli; **RAMAT GAN** — Dirty Mary Crazy Larry.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM — The Fox With The Velvet Tail 7.00, 9.15 (Sat.).

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DEPARTURES: Air France 197 to Paris, 0510; TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0530, El Al 241 to Paris, Montreal and N.Y. 0630; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; El Al 333 to Zurich and Brussels, 0720; El Al 565 to Teheran, 0740; El Al 001 to N.Y. 0800; KLM 526 to Amsterdam, 0810; El Al 445 to London, 0820; El Al 447 to Munich and Paris, 0835; TWA 841 to Athens, Rome and N.Y. 0845; Air France 139 to Athens and Paris, 0850; El Al 361 to Vienna, 0920; BA 485 to London, 0925; El Al 443 to Rome and Marseille, 1040; Olympic 302 to Athens, 1350; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1410; Lufthansa 637 to Frankfurt, 1615; El Al 581 to Istanbul, 1745; TWA 810 to Bombay and Bangkok, 1750; Cyprusair 303 to Nicosia, 1825.

ON THE AIR

HEBREW NEWS AND NEWSREELS

1st Programme: News: 8.00 a.m., 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00 and midnight. Newsreels: 7.05 p.m.
2nd Programme: 6.05, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, and midnight and 1.00 a.m. Newsreels: 7.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
Galei Zahal: News: 6.00 a.m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight. 1.00 a.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00. Newsreels: 8.05 a.m., 12.05 and 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
252, 522 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening *8.10 "Morning Concert"* Purcell: "Saul at En-Dor" (Deller); Pergolesi: Flute Concerto (Rampal); Mozart: Symphony No. 36 (Kertesz). 9.05 Delibes: Suite from "Coppelia"; Saint Saens: Piano Concerto No. 2; Franck: "Le chasseur maudit." 10.05 Duparc: "Leonore"; Symanowski: Violin Concerto No. 2; Respighi: "The Pines of Rome." 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Seta Taniel (3rd Prize Rubinstein Piano Competition — Beethoven: Sonata op. 57; Haydn: Movement from Haydn Trio (with Pianka & Heled). 1.05 Midday Concert — Rivier: Flute Concerto; Vaughn-Williams: Symphony No. 3 (Previn). 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — improving your knowledge. 3.30 Guidance for Teachers. 3.50 Book Review. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Who knows the Tales of Hoffman?" 5.10 Wind Bands. 5.40 Quiz. 6.05 People and Figures. 6.30 "The World of an Adult." 6.55 For the Farmer: 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Melachim I, chaps. 13 and 14. 8.05 (Stereo) Lucerne Festival — Mozart: String Quartet, K. 465; Mendelssohn: Three Songs; Shostakovich: Quartet, op. 93; Brahms: Gypsy Songs. 9.20 Cantorial Request Programme. 10.05 An Hour with a Rabbi." 11.05 "The Frogs" (Aristophanes) — Manos Hadjidakis. 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 249, 256 and 340 M.

5.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 Announcements. 8.15 "Good Morning." 8.35 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs.
1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 This is Ehud Manor. 3.52 Names and Events in the Jewish Scene. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Songs from the Big Screen" (cont.) 5.10 Hebrew Songs. 5.30-7.00 Football: Israel Selected vs. Rumania (direct broadcast from Bloomfield Stadium). 9.30 Jazz. 10.05 "Till Midnight in Jerusalem." 12.05 "A Night of Stars." 1.05 Close Down.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
455 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.05 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 News. 5.32 "The Partridge Family." 6.00 Cartoons. 8.00 Nanny and the Professor. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 "The Intruders." — Film. 10.30 News.
Educational: 8.15 Maths 5. 9.25 English 8. 10.00 English 9. 10.20 English 7. 11.00 Biology 9. 11.25 English 8. 12.00 Technical Drawing 9. 12.30 Geometry 6. 1.00 Science/Physics 7. 1.25 A Game in Words 7-9. 4.00 For Kindergarteners. 4.20 Science 5-7. 4.38 Technical Drawing. 4.58 Film.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 "The Story Of..." 7.05 "Know Israel" 7.27 Programme review. 7.30 News.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
757, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.00 (5th programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.55 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 11 a.m. (4th programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.05 p.m. (4th programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
3rd Programme (short waves) — 15, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.
4th Programme — 407, 455 and 292 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

5.58 a.m. *Morning Prayer.* 6.05 Morning tunes. 7.55 Programme trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 9.05 Requests.
9.55 "Pocket Torch." 10.04 "Warm and Tasty." 10.55 With Uri Sela 11.05 Warm and Tasty — Regards. 11.55 "Call-up Order in Military Literature." 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.25 "Midday Star." 12.55 "Who Wins and Who Loses." 1.05 Entertainment Programme. 2.05 p.m. "Two till Four" — with Moshe Timor. 4.05 "Two New Immigrants — One Settling in Israel the Other Leaving." 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for Everybody. 5.55 Programme Trailer. 6.05 An Hour with Dr. Moshe Feldenkreis. 6.35 Foreign Hit Parade. 9.05 Weekly Concerts. 10.05 "By the Way." 11.05 "The Third Man." 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 "Radio-game" (cont.) 1.05 Night Birds. 2.05 Light Music. 3.05-6.00 Tunes in the night.

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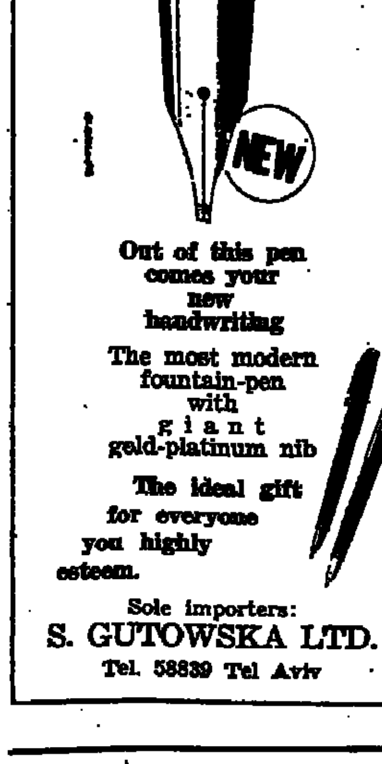

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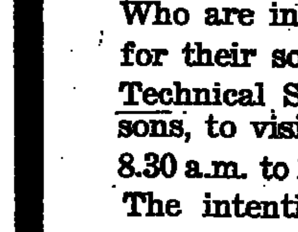

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Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	65.5	66.5
Ayeh		318	310
Hassneh Insurance	b	223	223
Sahar—"C"	b	241	234
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	72	72
Delek C.	r	133	136
Cold Storage—IL10	r	144.5	141
Israel Electric Corp.	r	100.5	95
Lighterage & Supply	r	140	139
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azorim	r	131	131
Africa Isr. IL10	r	193.5	190.5
Isr. Land Dev.	b	114	114.5
Solel Boneh—10%	b	105	105
Property & Build.	r	185	178
Isras	b	113	115
Mehadrin	r	158	158
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	92	91
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	177.5	177.5
Neot Aviv	r	79	77
Pri Or Ltd.	r	142.5	142.5
Rassco—8%	r	74.5	75
Rassco—O.	r	56	56
INDUSTRIAL		480	470
Alliance—B	r	108	102.5
Elco—2.5	b	155	155.5
Electra—5	r	225	222
"Argaman"—8%	b	88.5	90
"Ata"—C	r	339.5	338
Dubek	b		
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	147	148
Teva	b	1250	1290
Chem. & Phosphates	r	108	105
Lewin Epstein	b	57	57
Moller Textile	r	188.5	185
Phoenicia—8%	b	72.5	72
Paper Mills	r	229	234
Assis "B"	r	175	180
Nechushtan	b	641	644
Elite (A)		203	199.5
Shemen—8%	b	108.5	108.5
"Taal" Plywood	b	127	130
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	78.5	75
Ellern	b	138	140
Israel Central Trade	r	156	151.5
Bank Hapoalim	b	236	236
Pax	b	86.5	86.5
Wolfson IL40	b	70	70
Ampa	r	103	108
Discount Bank	b	166.5	166
United Mizrahi	b	122.5	124
Bank Leumi	r	175	176
Piryon Investment	r	85	89
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	80	79.5
Export Bank	b	57.5	58
Clal Investment	r	300	300
Clal Industries	r	139	135
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	80.5	80
Lapidoth OTC	r	180.5	180.5

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WALL STREET

Closing Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1974

Still on the defensive

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market remained on the defensive Tuesday, but managed to lighten its losses with a mild afternoon upturn.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down nearly 10 points at noontime, was down six points half an hour before the close. Losers led gainers by 4 to 1 in moderate trading.

Analysts attributed the declines in the first two hours to continued concern over the recession, the coal strike, and the upward swing in interest rates over the last few days.

The mid-day turn coincided with reports on financial news wires that William Fellner, a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, had said a tax cut should get high priority if added measures were needed to deal with the recession.

Gold-mining issues fell sharply on Treasury Secretary William Simon's disclosure that the government planned to sell two million ounces.

The Dow average of 30 blue chip industrials finished with a 6.41 loss at 596.61, its lowest close since it hit a 12-year closing low of 584.56 on October 4.

Declines outnumbered advances 1,087 to 287 among the 1,800 issues traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume came to 13.62 million shares, considerably more than Monday's 11.14 million but still modest by normal standards.

The exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks dropped 0.51 to 35.65.

Alcoa Inc	10 5/8	Cont Oil	41 1/2	Int T & T	14 3/8	Revere Cop	7
Alcan Alu	19 3/4	Cont Tel		Interpublic	UNSOLD	Reyn Ind	49 1/2
Allied Ch	31	Cont Data	11 1/8	John Man	17	Reyn Met	15 7/8
Allied Str	16 3/4	Corning	33 1/4	John Joh	83 3/4	Rockwell Int	18 3/8
Allis Chal	6 7/8	CPC Intl	31 1/4	Jon Lau	—	Rohm & Haas	49 1/4
Alcoa	29 7/8	Crown Cork	14 1/4	Kais Alum	14	Royl D	35 5/8
Amax	33 1/2	Crwn Zell	22 3/4	Kenn Cop	35	Safeway	34
Am Airlin	5 7/8	Curtis wri	6 3/4	Koppers	30	Schering	52 1/2
Am Bdcst	12 1/2	Dan River	5 1/4	Libb O Fd	14	Scott Pap	13 1/8
Amer Can	25 5/8	Deere Co	37 1/2	Liggt My	25	Sears Roe	46 1/2
Am Cyan	21	Dist Seag	31 3/4	Litton Ind	3 1/2	Shell Oil	41 1/2
Am Home	33 1/2	Dow Chem	54	Lockheed	4	Singer Co	11 7/8
Amer Mot	3 3/4	Dress Ind	44	LTV Corp	10 1/8	Smithkline	42 3/8
Am Smelt R	15	Dupont	87 1/4	Macy RH	11 3/8	Sony	4 3/4
Am Stand	8 1/8	East Airlins	4	Magnovox	5 1/8	South Ry	39 1/4
Amer T & T	41 7/8	E Kodak	61 3/4	Mrs Han	27 1/4	Sperry Rnd	25 7/8
AMF Inc	9 7/8	Eaton	20 1/4	Marath	32 7/8	St Brands	49
Anaconda	14 3/4	El Paso NG	10 3/8	Marcor	14 3/4	St Oil Cal	20 1/2
ASA Ltd	57 1/8	ESB	—	Marsh Fd	13 7/8	St Oil Ind	83 7/8
Atl Rich	80 1/2	Esmark	26 1/4	Martin Mar	14	St Oil Oh	58 3/4
Avco	2 5/8	Exxon	61 1/2	Matsush	12 3/8	Sterl Drug	20
Bell How	10	Fair Cam	19 3/8	McDon D	8 1/2	Stu Wor	22
Bendix	21	Firestone	12 3/8	Merck	64 1/8	Sun Oil	37 1/8
Benguet	2 1/2	Fluor Cp	20 5/8	Merr Lynch	9 5/8	Teledyne	7 7/8
Beth Stl	25 5/8	Fd Fair	4 1/2	Miles Lab	15 7/8	Tenneco	21 3/8
Boeing Co	17 5/8	Ford Mot	30 1/4	Minn M M	48 3/8	Texaco	20 7/8
Bois Cas	10 5/8	Gen Dynam	17	Mobil Oil	32 1/4	Texas Gulf	27 3/8
Borg War	12 7/8	Gen Elect	36 1/8	Monogm	5	Texas Instru	71 3/4
Braniff	5 1/8	G Fds Corp	18 1/2	Monsan	49 1/4	Textron	13 1/4
Brist My	44 7/8	Gen Mills	39 1/2	Moor McCor	25 3/4	Transwair	6
Brunswick	19	Gen Mot	29 5/8	Morgan J	53 5/8	TriCon	14 3/8
Burl Ind	15	Gn Tel El	17 3/8	Nabisco	32 5/8	TRW Inc	12 7/8
Burroughs	76	Gen Tire	11 5/8	Nat Distil	13 1/2	Twent Cent	4 5/8
Camp Sp	26	Genesco	3	Nat Cash R	14 7/8	UAL Inc	15 7/8
Cdn Pac	13 3/8	Ga Pac	28	Nat Indust	12 1/8	Unil Ltd	14 5/8
Castle Cke	14 1/4	Getty O	133	Norwest Air	13 5/8	Unil NV	UNSOLD
Cater Tr	49	Gillette	22 3/4	Occ Pet C	13 1/2	Un Carbide	38 7/8
CBS	30 1/4	Goodric	15 5/8	Olin Corp	15 7/8	Uniroyal	5 7/8
Celanese	25 1/4	Goodyr	12 1/2	Otis Elev	24 1/4	Unit Aircraft	38 1/8
Cerro Cp	12	Grace & Co	22 3/8	Owen Ill	30 1/4	Unit Brands	3
Chase Manh	27 1/8	Grt A & P	8	Pac Gs El	20 1/2	US Indust	2 1/2
Chem NY	34	Greyhound	10 1/2	Panam W A	2 1/8	US Steel	37 1/4
Chessie Sys	31	Gulf Oil	16 3/4	Penn Centrl	1 3/8	US Tobac	19 7/8
Chrysler	7 1/2	Gulf Wn	21 3/4	Pepsi Co	37 5/8	War Lam	23 3/4
Citicorps	28 3/4	Heller Int	27 1/4	Pfizer	31 1/4	Wells Far	13 1/2
Cities Svs	43 1/2	Hew Pack	56 7/8	Phelps D	27 1/8	Wn Un	10 1/4
Coca-Cola	50 1/2	Honeywel	18 7/8	Phil Morr	44 7/8	Westg Elec	8 3/4
Colg Pal	22 1/8	House N G	28 7/8	Phil Petro	44 3/8	Weyerhs	36 7/8
Colu Gas	20	Howmet	10 3/4	Polaroid	20 3/8	Witco Chem	19 5/8
Colum Pict	1 7/8	IBM	168 1/8	Proct GM	80 3/4	Woolworth	9 1/2
Comsat	28 3/4	Int Harv	20	Qukr Oat	13 1/2	Xerox Co	56 7/8
Con Edis	6 1/2	Int Nickel	20 1/2	Ralston P	37	Zenith Rad	11 5/8
Cont Can	23 1/4	Int Paper	35	RCA	10 1/2		

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SPOT RATES:

Dollar	2.3225/30	per £
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Belgian Fr.	37.69/73	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.5950/80	per $
Lire	667.40/30	per $
Yen	299.80/300.20	per $

Gold price: $182/183.50

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After devaluation: Employment becomes the crucial issue

Monetary factors alone can't solve our financial predicament; an improvement in economic performance really depends on reform of our entire social system, says Economic Editor MOSHE ATER.

THREE WEEKS have passed since devaluation and it is time for some stock-taking.

The aim of the new economic policy is to reduce our foreign currency deficit to manageable proportions. This is not a long-term target, but an imperative for the next year. In 1974 our import surplus will amount to about $3.5b. The forecast for 1975 is of a similar magnitude. Of this amount, approximately $1b. is expected to be covered by Jewish donations, German restitutions, private transfers and investments. U.S. grants and loans may amount to — at best — $1.5b. Borrowing abroad — including bonds — may cover a part of the remaining gap. If we do not want to let the rest of our dollar reserves go down the drain, we must act at once.

The official aim of cutting the deficit by $700m. is actually a minimum target, since the estimates given above may turn out to have been too rosy. If commodity prices continue to soar (upping our import bill) and if the world slump gains ground (impeding our export drive), our foreign trade deficit may still increase. U.S. aid may be less generous than is hoped. Jewish communities may be less responsive than hitherto. We must therefore see what we are doing to prepare for these eventualities. And we must keep in mind that conditions in 1976 are unlikely to be substantially more favourable. Our efforts must therefore be aimed at lasting improvement of our economic performance.

Import surplus

In these circumstances one cannot but be disappointed to find that the target for reducing our import surplus has been set at only $350m., i.e. one-tenth of the foreign trade deficit, and less than one third of the civil import *increment* at real terms over the past two years (i.e. *without taking into account either* the increase in defence procurements or the rise in import prices since 1972). Fully half of the planned improvement in our balance of payments is to come from a one-time inflow of funds delayed abroad in expectation of devaluation. But even that inflow is far from certain. The $350m. quoted by official spokesmen seems far too much compared with that we have experienced after past devaluations, when conditions in this country were more attractive for investors.

Moreover, one fails to see why the inflow of foreign capital should pick up substantially when the rate of exchange of our currency is expected to continue to decline. The authorities and the monetary experts are divided about the best way to do this, but all agree that the present exchange rate is not tenable for very long. Creeping devaluation may (or may not) be the most convenient policy for encouraging exports and discouraging imports, but if top priority must now be accorded to attracting an inflow of capital it ought evidently to be reconsidered.

Imports are expected to be reduced by $200m., a fairly modest figure when one considers that imports of ready-made consumer goods alone have been running at a larger annual figure, and that stocks accumulated in the first half of 1974 were anyway excessive. As a matter of fact, one third of the above saving is expected to be achieved by the administrative ban on a long list of luxury imports, which stands apart from the general economic policy. Also, if private consumption is indeed to drop 5 per cent — as is expected, and investments are to diminish, the resultant import reduction ought to be more substantial. While no explanation has been proffered for this discrepancy, it stands to reason that living standards and business activity may be less affected by the new policy than is commonly presumed.

The export increment forecast is no less questionable. The new export incentives have been set at a level which is already inadequate. Some industries — chemicals, textiles, even citrus — are actually reducing their export schedules even when markets abroad are available. If, therefore, the squeeze on home consumption works, and resources — i.e. mainly the work force — are released, only a fraction of them is likely to be absorbed in export branches. Of course, export expansion is a lengthy process, but the new measures are likely to aggravate it. Small wonder, therefore, that voices have been heard counselling caution in reducing private consumption, in order to prevent unemployment from getting out of hand.

Employment is evidently the crucial issue. Are we heading towards another recession? Official spokesmen vehemently deny this, pointing to the *still prevailing labour* shortage, and to the spending spree obviously fed by excess purchasing power. The new policy is expressly aimed at reducing that inflationary pressure, and at moving redundant workers to where they can be best employed. However, most observers doubt whether this will indeed work.

Labour mobility

Labour mobility in Israel is very low, in view of obstacles such as housing shortage, bad public transport, trade union opposition, rigid wage patterns, and other factors. Schemes for the transfer of unemployed are now being hurriedly prepared but are unlikely to prove adequate. Should substantial pockets of unemployment develop, the authorities will probably feel themselves forced to counter them by expanding public (construction and service) projects, and by subsidizing lame-duck industries, even though this may put paid to the intended austerity programme, and scuttle the reduction forecast in our foreign trade deficit.

We seem therefore to be heading towards a combination of inflation and unemployment — commonly called stagflation — such as is currently being experienced in Britain and several other Western countries. Next year our GNP is expected to grow a mere 3 per cent, i.e. less than the increase in population. Whether or not private consumption declines, productive investment will probably nosedive. We may save some imports, but our export capacity is unlikely to improve. And we shall see economic performance increasingly handicapped by social strain.

This bleak outlook is habitually countered by monetary calculations. Since the source of the evil, it is argued, is excess spending, the remedy must lie in checking inflation. The new policy will absorb between IL5b. and IL6b. of purchasing power, of which less than one half will be restored by the forthcoming c.o.l. allowance and the government's social payments. The resulting squeeze, coupled with a balanced government budget, and a ban on credit expansion, must bring *about a drop in home consumption,* and pave the way to export expansion in spite of all the difficulties involved.

However, monetary factors alone cannot produce changes of the required magnitude, least of all in a country like Israel, in which market forces and proper budgeting have never been able to prevail against vested interests, defence requirements, social pressures and party considerations. An improvement of our economic performance depends on a reform of our entire social system. Indeed, it stands to reason that excessive resort has been made to monetary factors to date because of a reluctance to tackle this basic issue.

Work morale

Work morale has doubtless been adversely affected by inflation and *labour shortage. Productivity may* therefore go up if workers fear to lose their jobs (though experience in slowdown periods, here and elsewhere, does not point that way). But there is no gainsaying that the major counter-productive factor in this country is income tax.

Similarly one may reduce the inflationary pressure by abolishing the c.o.l. allowance. But it would be *both more just and more efficient* to do that by imposing a VAT and by broadening the base of our direct taxation to encompass numerous tax-free or tax-reduced benefits, and ultimately reforming our entire wage and costing pattern.

We would probably fare better if we were to make the Israel pound a freely-fluctuating currency, but that would require a new approach to wages, subsidies, and many other matters. The government budget can of course, be balanced in spite of mounting defence and other expenditure, but to that end a comprehensive fiscal, investment, and administrative reform must be carried out.

All these issues have in point of fact been on the agenda for several years, but next to no progress has been made in solving them. Only now a summary fiscal, wage, and budgetary reform has been promised within a couple of months, though one wonders how it can be achieved within so short a time. Probably we shall again witness a spate of stop-gap measures, which will further complicate our overworked and inefficient administration. And a hurried and inefficient administration will see no alternative but to resort to yet more inflationary *finance and discretionary practices.*

Which does not augur well for either our economic growth or our balance of payments.

COIN MARKET NEWS

Anniversary set hits record high

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A flourishing movement of buying and selling characterized last week's coin market. The chief motivation, however, appeared to be that of investing, not collecting.

Several gold coins, among them the 25th Anniversary State of Israel coin (set of three), reached an all-time peak price of IL6,200. The set, which sold for a nominal IL1,660 at the end of 1972, was valued at IL5,000, at most, until a few weeks ago.

The Ben-Gurion set in gold and silver has already been delivered to several thousand of the 30,000 Israeli subscribers; 53,500 units were minted. Dealers are now offering as much as IL4,000 for the sets, which originally sold for IL2,400, but there appears a general reluctance to sell them. If this situation continues it could result in even higher prices.

As for silver coins, their prices have also been on the rise, and there is good reason to assume that this trend will continue.

$1 = IL6

Year & Name		Quantity	Issue Price	Market Price
			IL.	IL.
½ Shekel — Purim Coins				
1961	½ Shekel	30,004	1	210
1961	" P.	5,000	3	510
1962	½ Shekel	20,000	1	130
1962	" P.	10,000	3	240
1 Pound — Hanukka Coins				
1958	Torah	150,000	3	30
1958	" P.	5,000	6	600
1960	Degania	80,000	3	75
1960	" P.	5,000	6	840
1960	Szold	26,833	3	680
1960	" P.	2,000	4	3000
1961	Hero	18,916	2	260
1961	" P.	9,428	4	230
1962	Italian Lamp	9,657	3	700
1962	" P.	6,040	4	920
1963	N. African Lamp	10,000	2	700
1963	" P.	5,500	4	1010
5 Pounds — Independence Day Coins				
1958	Menorah	98,051	10	160
1958	" P.	2,000	18	—
1959	Exiles	27,249	10	280
1959	" P.	4,792	25	1100
1960	Herzl	84,472	10	230
1960	" P.	4,923	20	1000
1961	Bar-Mitzvah	19,542	10	710
1961	" P.	4,561	20	1100
1962	Negev	10,450	10	950
1962	" P.	5,650	20	1000
1963	Seafaring	5,980	10	3800
1963	" P.	4,500	20	3700
1964	Museum	11,100	10	800
1964	" P.	4,500	20	1100
1965	Knesset	25,252	10	420
1965	" P.	7,680	20	460
1966	Life	32,503	12.50	130
1966	" P.	10,508	25	250
1967	Eilat	30,250	12.50	330
1967	" P.	7,755	25	450
10 Pounds — Special Issue				
1967	Victory	224,529	12.50	60
1967	" P.	50,489	30	130
1971	Freedom	75,000	30	90
1971	" P.	20,000	60	200
1974	Ben-Gurion	175,000	100	120
1974	" P.	75,000	200	220

P = Proof
SF = San Francisco Mint
J = Jerusalem Mint
U = Utrecht Mint

Year & Name		Quantity	Issue Price	Market Price
1968	Jerusalem	50,000	22.50	240
1968	" P.	30,501	42.50	370
1969	Shalom (S.F.)	40,000	25	260
1969	" P.	20,000	50	280
1969	" (K)	20,000	25	260
1970	Mikveh	47,500	25	140
1970	" P.	22,500	50	160
$1 = IL6				
10 Pounds — Independence Day Coins			IL.	IL.
1971	Science (U.)	30,000	25	320
1971	" P.	17,500	50	280
1971	" (J.)	22,500	25	300
1972	Aviation	50,000	30	140
1972	" P.	15,000	60	430
1973	Declaration	125,000	40	70
1973	" P.	41,500	80	150
1974	Ben Yehuda	130,000	60	60
1974	" P.	50,000	90	120
10 Pounds — Pidyon Haben				
1970	P-H	60,833	25	190
1970	" P.	15,000	50	280
1971	"	30,201	25	290
1971	" P.	15,000	50	380
1972	" (star)	30,000	30	100
1972	" (no star)	15,000	30	160
1972	" P.	12,500	60	280
1973	"	105,000	25	60
1973	" P.	15,000	60	300
1974	"	—	40	60
1974	" P.	45,000	80	120
5 Pounds — Hanukka Coins				
1972	Russian Lamp	75,000	20	30
1972	" P.	22,500	40	160
1973	Babylonian Lamp	95,000	20	55
1973	Babylonian Lamp P.	45,000	40	70
Gold Coins				
1960	Herzl (20)	10,510	60	5400
1962	Weizmann (50) P.	6,202	150	
1962	Weizmann (100) P.	6,202	300	6300
1964	Bank (50)	6,014	150	5600
1964	" (50) P.	1,502	250	30000
1967	Victory (100) P.	9,004	300	6800
1968	Jerusalem (100) P.	12,506	250	3800
1969	Shalom (100) P.	12,500	420	3300
1971	Freedom (100) P.	10,000	420	4600
1973	Declaration (50) P.	12,500	230	800
1973	" (100) P.	10,000	465	1800
1973	" (50-100-200)	18,750	1,617	6200
1974	Ben-Gurion (in sets of three only)	53500	2100	3650

CINEMA

'SIDDHARTHA' WAITS, THINKS

Siddhartha (Tchelet, Tel Aviv) has been adapted by Conrad Rooks from the novel by Hermann Hesse which is set in the India of many centuries ago.

Siddhartha (Shashi Kapoor) is first shown as a young man who leaves his home to search for spiritual insight and to find himself. Except for one interlude when he indulges in wordly pleasures and enjoys the embraces of a beautiful young woman (Simi Garewal), an adept in the art of love, he continues his search, "waiting, thinking and fasting." In his search for Nirvana, he is ferried across a river by an elderly man who tells him that God is everywhere, all things are the same and wisdom lies in drifting back and forth with the current as does the river. This man seems to Siddhartha the wisest being he has met and when he, too, is grey-haired he becomes a ferryman and thus, one must presume, finds his fulfilment.

The film meanders along, mostly by the banks of the river, accompanied by dialogue which, I suppose, is meant to imply more than it actually says. And there may be some who will find some enlightenment in it.

What is really beautiful is the colour photography of Sven Nykvist (associated with a number of Ingmar Bergman's films). Visually, the film is a delight.

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Our Time (Orly, Tel Aviv) is set in a girls' boarding school in New England in the middle 'fifties. It is about young people reaching out towards adulthood and is somewhat reminiscent of "The Summer of '42" and like that film, is a mixture of poignancy and humour.

Abby (Pamela Sue Martin) and Muffy (Betsy Slade) share a room and are senior students. Abby is a pretty, self-confident girl who, as she tells Muffy, has "gone almost all the way" with her boy friend, Michael (Parker Stevenson) during the summer vacation. A weekend with him during term time completes the initiation.

The theme is one that has by now become familiar but what gives this film that added something is first of all the good acting of the young people, especially of the two girls and especially of Betsy Slade whose Muffy is a real personage and secondly the discreet and tender direction of Peter Hyams. *S.W.*

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Politics, science and the President

PRESIDENT KATZIR'S remarks on Sunday to American and European science writers that Israel has a nuclear potential, have been given great prominence in the foreign press, especially in England.

The *news reports* apparently did not give equal attention to the President's qualifying statement, made often enough in the past, that Israel will not be the first party to introduce nuclear weapons in the area.

Understandably perhaps the foreign science writers could not be expected to know that in Israel it is not the President who is in a position to make pronouncements about national policy or national capabilities. The President's Office on Monday therefore sought to clarify Prof. Katzir's remarks by saying his reference was to Israel's general scientific potential rather than specific capability to produce nuclear weapons.

But clarifications of this sort can never catch up to the original statement, especially when it has already captured headlines like this one did.

Unless the Government sanctioned the President's remarks in advance, which is doubtful, Prof. Katzir in this case let his pride and confidence in Israeli science transcend the accepted usages of his office, in a way he did not intend.

But the fact that the foreign press gave his remarks such attention must also be seen as an indication that the western world has begun to recognize that Israel is now being pushed too far, and that if it were to be pressed unendurably it could opt for nuclear capability.

The politics and finances of the oil powers, the vulnerability of the western oil consuming nations and their frantic efforts to court the Arab states and the PLO, and the background orchestration of the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc are all elements in this pressure. And the result is an all-out Arab effort to challenge the legitimacy and existence of the State.

The massive nature of the Arab threat is slowly beginning to impress itself upon western public opinion and the media, which all too often persuaded themselves that Arab rhetoric should not be taken seriously. However, the very successes of the PLO at Rabat and the triumphant entry of Yasser Arafat onto the world stage have begun to clear the clouds.

Inadvertantly President Katzir's remarks may therefore have served to underline how far the process of holding Israel up to the oil ransom has already gone and the dangers that could lie ahead if the process were to get out of hand.

False dawn at Vladivostok

by Joseph Alsop

WASHINGTON. — IN VLADIVOSTOK a few days ago, President Ford's egregious press secretary, Ron Nessen, excitedly announced a new dawn of hope for this weary world. Investigation rather plainly reveals, however, that the glory shining over Vladivostok was largely a false dawn.

Here, to be sure, one must be careful to make the needed distinctions. It may, or it may not, serve American interests to put a numerical limit on the quantities of each side's delivery vehicles for nuclear weapons, as was agreed at Vladivostok.

Most of the Soviet long-range missiles are *vastly more powerful than those of the* U.S. There are competent and liberal-minded men, like the veteran policy-maker Paul H. Nitze, who think throw-weight is just as crucial a factor as mere numbers in the SALT negotiations. If that is true, the new agreement between President Ford and Soviet General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev needs the most careful examination.

A much more important distinction to make, however, is between the real and false tests of what is called "detente." Claimed "progress" with strategic arms limitations is really a poor test. If detente means anything at all — which some regard as doubtful — the test of detente is general progress toward a more peaceful world situation.

No such general progress was made at Vladivostok, unless the U.S. Government has perhaps necessarily misinformed its allies. This can be said, alas, because the Middle East is the unique storm centre where one must now look for signs of any real dawn *of hope for peace*. Yet the U.S. government has now passed on the word that nothing substantive was done about the Middle East at the Ford-Brezhnev meeting.

In present circumstances, this is like saying nothing substantive was done to reduce the betting on war, when the odds on war within six to eight months are again pushing up past two-to-one in favour. If the betting on war can be changed, moreover, Vladivostok was the place to begin trying. This is because the odds are being slowly pushed up by further expected Soviet intervention in the Middle East.

To be specific, in recent American policy-making in the Middle East, the central assumption has been that the Egyptians have finally chosen the road of negotiating with U.S. support, instead of making war with Soviet arms. President Anwar Sadat has given Secretary of State Henry Kissinger ample grounds to make this central assumption. The same assumption has also been central in Secretary *Kissinger's dealings* with the Israelis.

This central assumption of U.S. policy now looks more and more shaky, however. In January, General Secretary Brezhnev is going to Cairo to pay a state visit to President Sadat. You can find no one of serious consequence in the U.S. government who does not believe the Brezhnev visit will be the signal for an enormous new flow of Soviet arms to Egypt, on the pattern of the immense flow of Soviet arms to Syria.

The plain fact is that the Israelis cannot be relied on to remain passive while the central assumption of U.S.-Middle Eastern policy appears to collapse, and their own position deteriorates horribly relative to their enemy's. In such circumstances, the Israelis are all too likely to "pre-empt."

To be sure, Secretary Kissinger would quite rightly have withheld the information from America's allies, even if General Secretary Brezhnev quietly let the President know that the Soviets now plan no massive programme of arms for Egypt. But that is probably the best hope, instead of the kind of thing Ron Nessen talked about.

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Dry Bones

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Jewish cowboys cross the Wide Missouri

WHO IS A SIOUX?

JUST WHEN I'D DECIDED that nothing on the freaked-out Pop scene could surprise me any more, along comes Kinky Friedman, "part Jew, part cowboy," whose first album is on general release. Raised on a Texas ranch, according to the sleeve notes, Kinky believes that "cowboys and Jews, in fact, have a common bond. They are the only two groups of people in the world to wear their hats indoors and attach a certain amount of importance to it."

Track titles on the album, all written by the Maestro himself, include "Ride 'Em Jewboy," described as "an evocation of the rootless misery of the diaspora." "Both Jews and cowboys are wandering, soulful types," notes Mr. Friedman, a moustachioed youth wearing a sombrero (purchased from the Hadassah Thrift Shop) on the back of his head *à la Yeshiva-bocher*. "Both have their problems and know how to enjoy their suffering pretty well." You can imagine a heartfelt "Amen" to that from Bob (Zimmerman) Dylan, another High Plains Drifter with a Jewish background.

In pretty much the same vein, with the significant difference that he's milking the Jew-Westerner situation for all it's worth in the way of belly-laughs, Mel Brooks, the director of the spoof-Western "Blazing Saddles," himself plays an Indian chief whose war-bonnet is inscribed in wampum: "Kosher le-Pessah." As a posse, led by a black sheriff, rides down on the Indian encampment, Brooks shrieks "Schwartzers!"

Oddly enough, the first screen cowboy hero, "Broncho Billy," was a Jewish actor called Max Aronson who appeared in over 400 one-and-two-reelers before losing out in popularity to the granite-visaged William S. Hart, one of whose early epics was intriguingly entitled "The Aryan."

Hollywood's never-never Wild West continued to have a large Jewish population, however, even after the eclipse of the rather rotund "Broncho Billy," and the vagueness of Central Casting about Indian physiognomy permitted many of them to play *both* cowboys and Indians as the occasion demanded. The late Jeff Chandler (Ira Grossel) was equally at home as the Apache chief Cochise or a W.A.S.P. lawman. Charles (Buchinsky) Bronson, whose Slav features would be more suitable for an Eastern (east of the Oder-Neisse line, that is), rode confidently in "The Magnificent Seven," together with Eli Wallach, as well as taking to the war-path in "Chato's Land" and other sagas of the Indian wars. "Chato's Land," by the way, marks an ominous trend towards the *Adults Only Western which I can* only deplore. That currently hot property, Dustin Hoffman, managed the difficult feat of playing both a cavalryman and a Cheyenne brave in the *same* movie, "Little Big Man."

Other landmarks of the Western landscape include Kirk Douglas (Issur Demsky) who has bared his magnificent teeth in many an oater; Nehemiah Persoff, Jerusalem-born, who rode his *wheel-chair* through "The Comancheros"; Rod Steiger, the loquacious, sorrowful heavy of "Run of the Arrow"; the irrepressible Tony Curtis (Bernie Schwartz); the saturnine Martin Landau (of "Mission Impossible"); and heavy-jowled Lee J. Cobb (presumably Jacob) who has sweated his way through countless Westerns and is familiar to Israelis as Judge Garth, the cattle baron of TV's "The Virginian."

Even 1939's classic "Stagecoach" featured that fine actress Claire Trevor (Wemlinger) as "Dallas", the stock prostitute with a heart of gold (I half expected John Wayne to ask her "What's a nice Jewish girl like you doing in a place like this?"). Recently she returned to her people as "Marjorie Morningstar's" mother.

Some Israeli actors occasionally turn up in Hollywood's teepees, among them Ze'ev Berlinsky and Ziva Rodan, a former Zichron Yaacov Wine Festival Queen, adding to the Jewish complexion of that imaginary country Across the Wide *Missouri. I was hardly surprised to* hear Marlon Brando, a Gentile, order a *pulque* in the cantina scene from "The Appaloosa" and only woke up to my pardonable error when he was served with pulque, a Mexican beer, instead of a drumstick.

Despite all the foregoing it is axiomatic that Jews never play Jews in these horse-operas. The one exception I can recall was the 1960 version of Edna Ferber's "Cimarron" where David Opatoshu appeared as "Sol Levy."

Jews did, in fact, play a role in America's Manifest Destiny and some of them were trailblazers, exploring the West ahead of the settlers and the cowboys. Solomon *Nunes Carvalho, for instance, was* official artist to Fremont's expedition which explored the route across the south-west for what is now the Santa Fe railroad. In 1857 he published his account of buffalo hunts, raids by hostile Indians, eating his pony when the party was snowed up and all the hardships of the journey "Across the Rocky Mountains, including three months residence in Utah, and a perilous trip across the Great American Desert to the Pacific." Descriptions of Cheyenne scalp dances and how Carvalho mystified the squaws by turning their brass ornaments to silver with his photographic mercury enliven the story and the fact that he was an orthodox Jew adds piquancy to the narrative.

London-born Maurice Mordecai Samuel appeared in the '40s in the Coeur d'Alene country of Idaho, populated solely by Blackfeet Indians and mountain-men. It is my sad duty to relate that he was next reported in the St. Croix Falls area of *Minnesota, then referred to as "Un*organised Territory," where he had built a trading-post and settled down to some light housekeeping with a squaw. Samuels' log cabin was situated not far from Hibbing where, a century later, Bob Dylan was born.

If you'd like to see a Jewish trader at work, I've reproduced here a photograph of Julius Meyer (1851-1909) with some of his Sioux customers in Nebraska in the '70s. As it was difficult to find a *shochet* willing to accompany a buffalo hunt, many of these Jewish pioneers had an extremely restricted diet and were referred to by the Indians as "egg-eaters." It was "hard to be a Jew," as the first of our compatriots in Utah discovered in the '50s. The Brooks, Rosenbergs, Marks, Rosenbaums, Ransohoffs, Goldbergs and Kahns who settled in Salt Lake City were outraged to be called Gentiles by the Mormon neighbours.

Levi Strauss, who travelled to San Francisco in the Gold Rush cut his stock of tent canvas, made of serge de Nimes, into work-pants for the miners, adding brass rivets to the pockets so that they could carry all those lovely nuggets. His denim pants have become part of the Western legend and have indeed swept the world, except for Nimes, where "Levis" were recently reported to be in short supply.

A Samuel J. Kline, who ended up as a New York dress manufacturer, was taken as a boy by prairie schooner with a cavalry escort from Fort Leavenworth to Denver in 1859, and has left an exciting account of his father. The old man was one of the "Pike's Peak or Bust" boomers and was present at every other mining strike in the '60s and '70s, including those in the Cimarron and the Black Hills of Dakota. While in Montana the old boy rode with a group of vigilantes and helped string up the notorious road agent Joseph Alfred Slade.

Young Sam later recalled the terrible Black Kettle uprising of 1864. Among the victims were the Tiedemann family, friends of the Klines, whose scalps were taken to decorate a Cheyenne lodge. Is it possible that among these barbaric ornaments was a *sheitel?*

Four years later it was a Jew, Otto Mears, who negotiated a peace treaty with the hostiles and had his photograph taken together with Ouray, chief of the Uncompahgre Utes, to celebrate the occasion.

Some time ago, watching the members of a Jerusalem *chevra kadisha* charging down Rehov Aristobulus to their waiting hearse, I realised that their wide-brimmed hats, frock-coats and leather knee boots closely resembled the outfits worn by Wyatt Earp, marshal of Dodge City, and his posse. I mentioned this to a colleague, Shalom Cohen, who has been wondering ever since on a Jewish horse opera entitled "Gunfight at the O Veh Corral."

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Politics and the Army

HA'ARETZ (Independent) says: "For retired senior officers upon election to the Knesset to secure emergency appointments in the Reserves, which they would never have obtained otherwise, is intolerable. Such officers might well deviate from military discipline, and possibly even attempt to influence the conduct of a war outside the chain of military command — something no Chief of Staff can be expected to put up with and still be answerable to the Government. The Cabinet's decision is thus to be welcomed."

HATFOFE (National Religious) takes the opposite view: "Arik Sharon's ability and experience as a military commander are common knowledge, and the IDF cannot afford to do without the services of such an officer who is prepared to conduct himself according to military regulations. A distinguished soldier should not be rejected because of his political views."

DAVAR (Histadrut), on the other hand, fully backs the Cabinet's stand, even if the IDF is thereby denied the contribution of such distinguished servicemen as Haim Bar-Lev and Arik Sharon.

READERS' LETTERS

Canada Town

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to Hyman Bessin's letter about Canada Town (November 20). It seems unforgivable and incredible that at a time of economic crisis when Israel is so short of dollars the Government, the Lands Authority and the Municipality of Netanya did not encourage the investors but actually hindered *them from going ahead with the* project. What surprised me more is that the Municipality of Netanya permitted this project to be withdrawn.

DVORAH MASOVETSKY
Jerusalem November 24.

BRAVO TO POST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Heartiest congratulations on the excellent improvements in your fine paper — the very enhanced legibility of your classified section and the superb format and idea of the pull-out section. Please give credit where credit is due among your staff.

JACK ELIEZER
Ramat Gan, November 22.

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